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Captain America got his superpowers by volunteering to test a super-soldier serum so he could fight Nazis. Superman got his powers from the effect of the Earth's sun on his alien anatomy. As for this hero? Er, well... um...he got his powers from his mom hooking up with a sailor. That's...

# AWKWA

Our son has the strength of a whale, the fury of a shark, and the brains of a jellyfish! The other day he asked how to spell "H<sub>2</sub>O!"

I fled my arranged royal wedding in Wetlanitis to shack up with this relatively short glass of water, and I don't regret it! Eloping is so much cheaper!

I have to ask myself which is crueler: the sea or the land? I say Hollywood! In real life, I'm only six years older than the actor who plays my other son!

Behold, a DC hero who enjoys himself once in a while! That's why I've got my own billion-dollar franchise, despite seeming like I'm no higher than middle of the card at WWE Hell in a Cell!

My tattoos are a bitchin' update on the traditional tribal fish scale, so you won't mistake me for Khal Drogo. Or Adam Levine!



Awkwardman thinks he's the ultimate badass, but I can control liquid with my mind! Check it out, I can push these stupid turtles around wherever I want!

Meanwhile, his big power is telepathically communicating with fish. Can you imagine how boring that would be? Those poor fish!

I am King Tedious. This undersea world looks lush and beautiful, but don't let that fool you. The ocean has a kajillion sea creatures... and zero toilets!

# RD, MAN!

WRITER DESMOND DEVLIN ARTIST TOM RICHMOND

Wetlanteans know me as King Porn! Humans have desecrated the oceans, my mother-killing half-brother gets to rule the sea despite being under qualified, and yet *I'm* the bad guy.

I, Volvo, am Porn's official advisor, yet nobody listens to my advice. I'm like Trump's first three chiefs of staff! I suspect they keep me around because I look like a fish!

COD PEICE!

STARBUCKS

EELS  
WILL NOT  
REPLACE  
US!



Woo hoo!  
Damn right!

That is  
NOT  
what  
I  
meant.

This huge helmet gives me optic blast power, as well as a weekly appointment with my chiropractor!

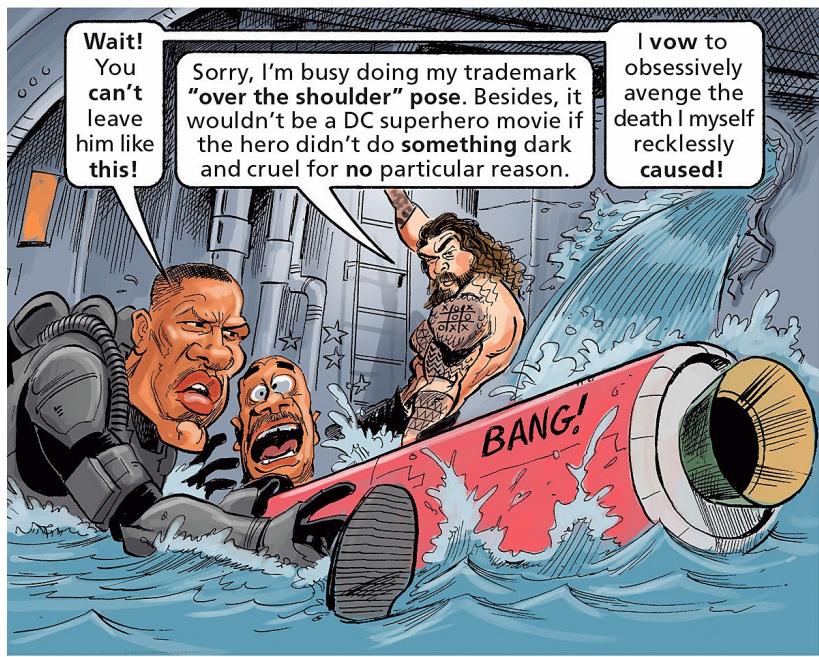
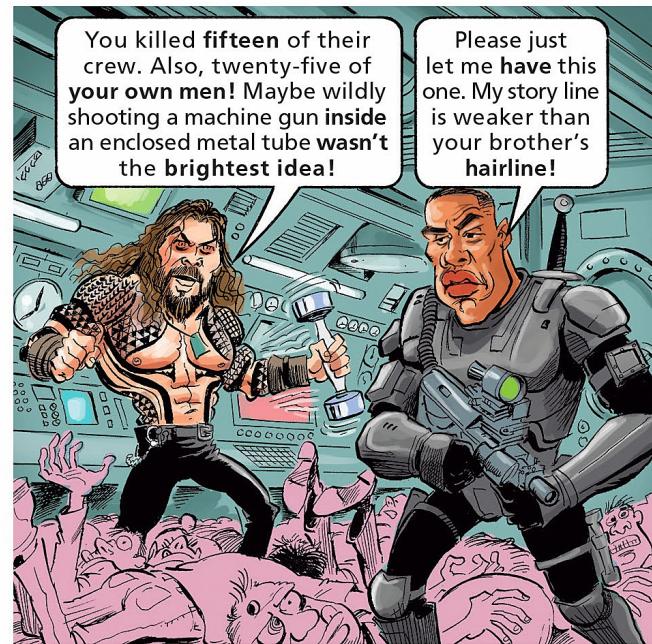
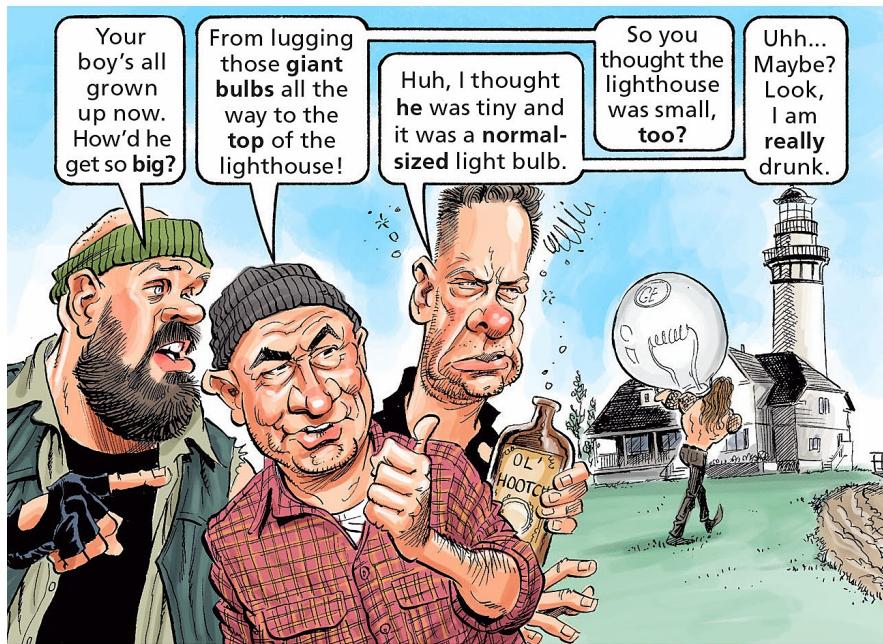
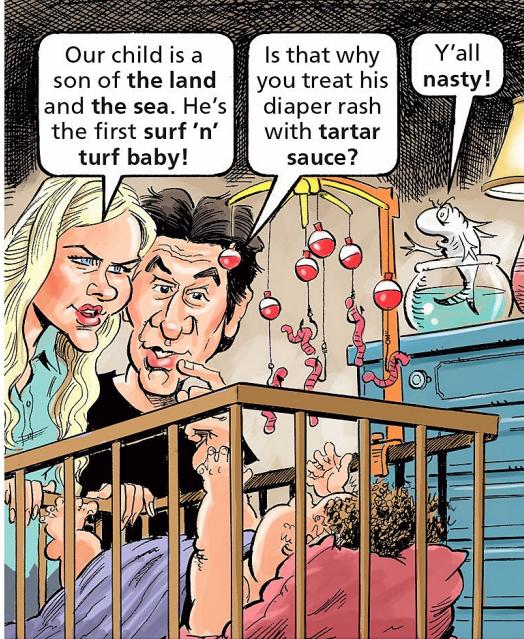
DADDY?

They call me Black Mylanta! Why do black characters have to have the word "black" in their names? Black Panther, Black Lightning...Why no White Flash or White Thor?

DIRECTOR

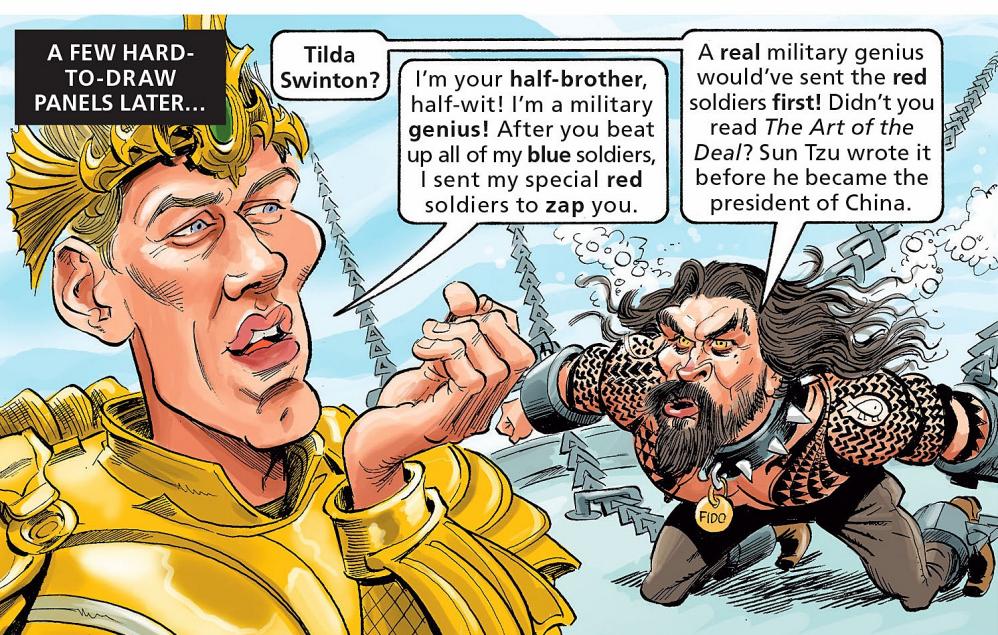
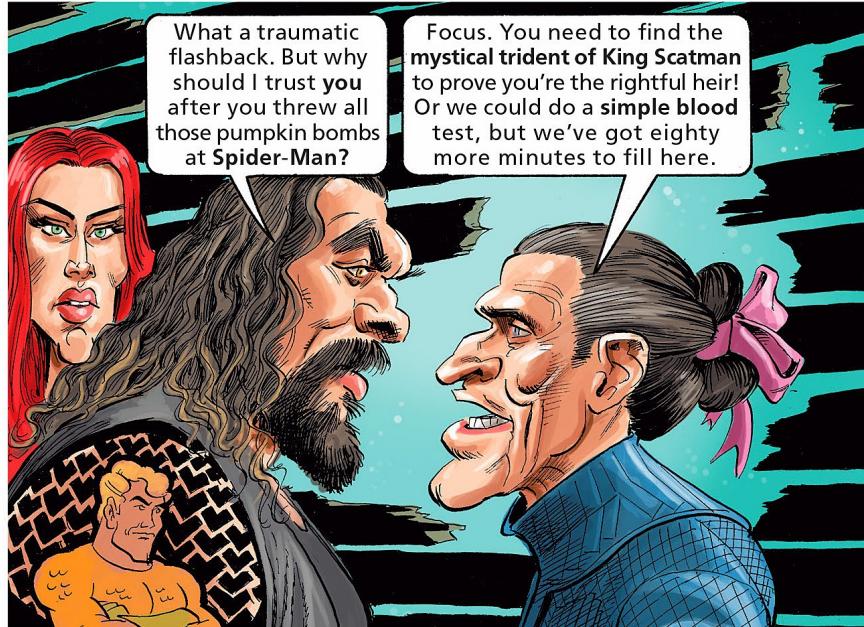
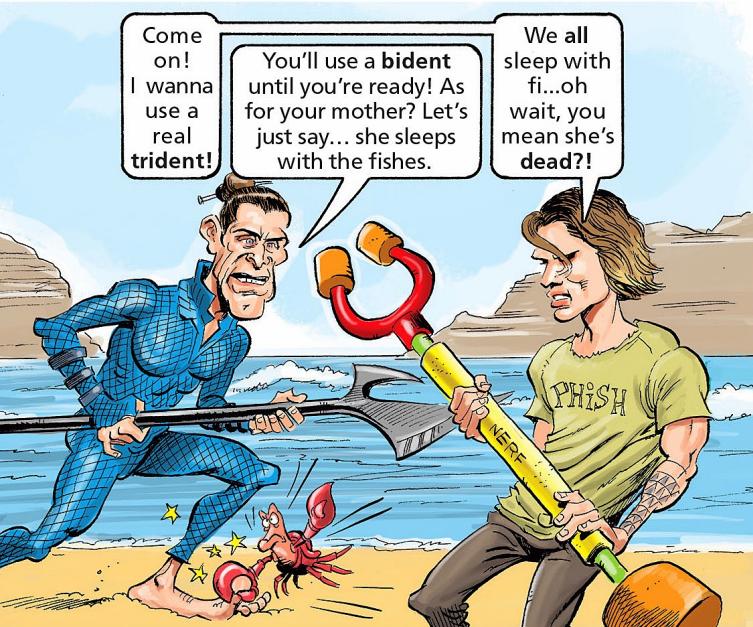
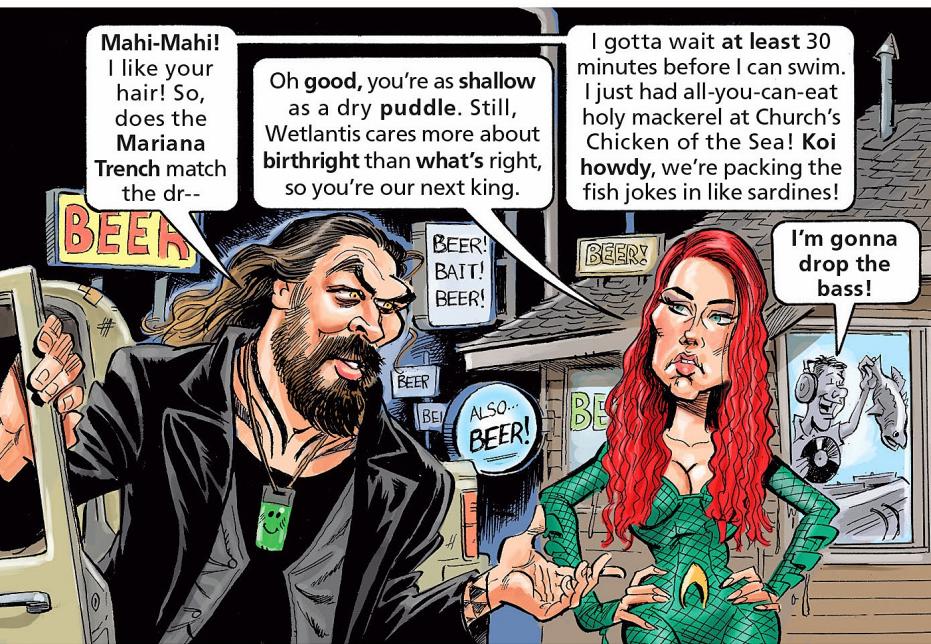
I'm director James Wan. You may have thought my Saw films gave audiences the ultimate in terror and pain, but wait until you hear the dialogue in this one!

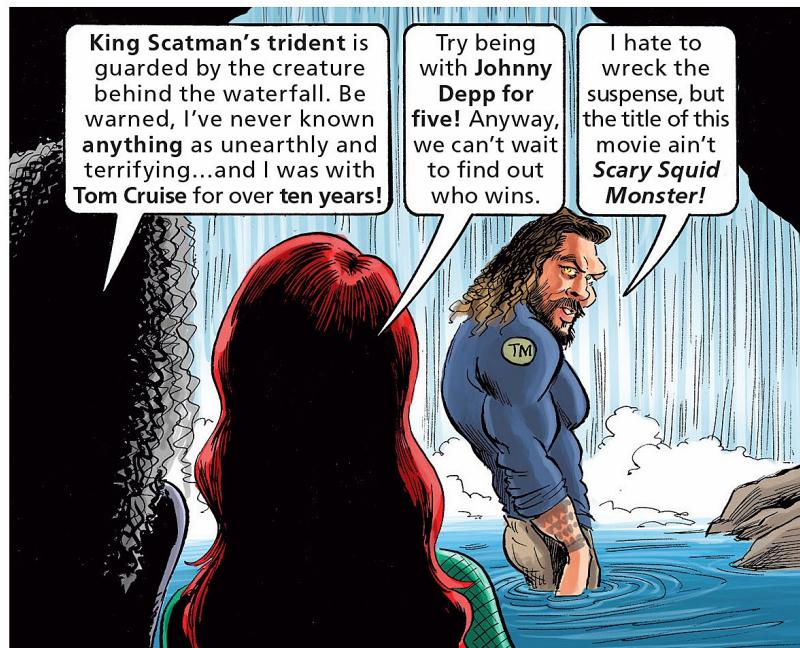
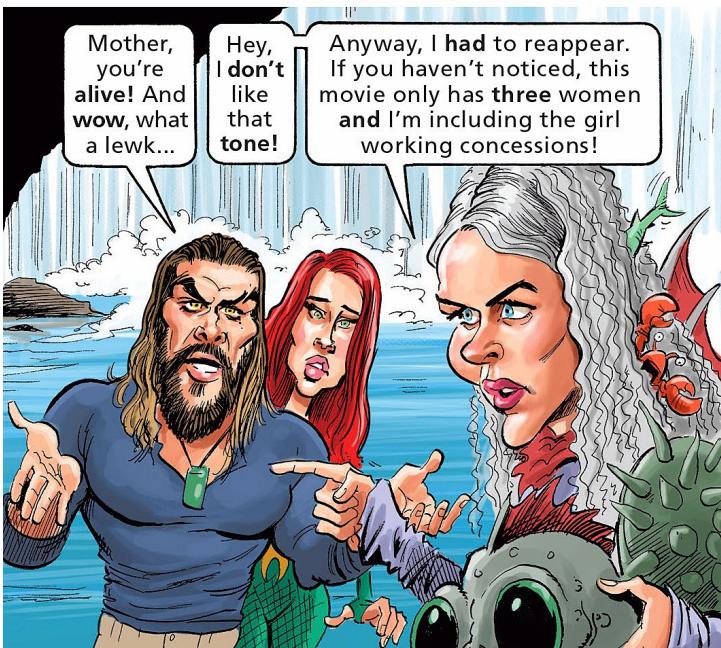
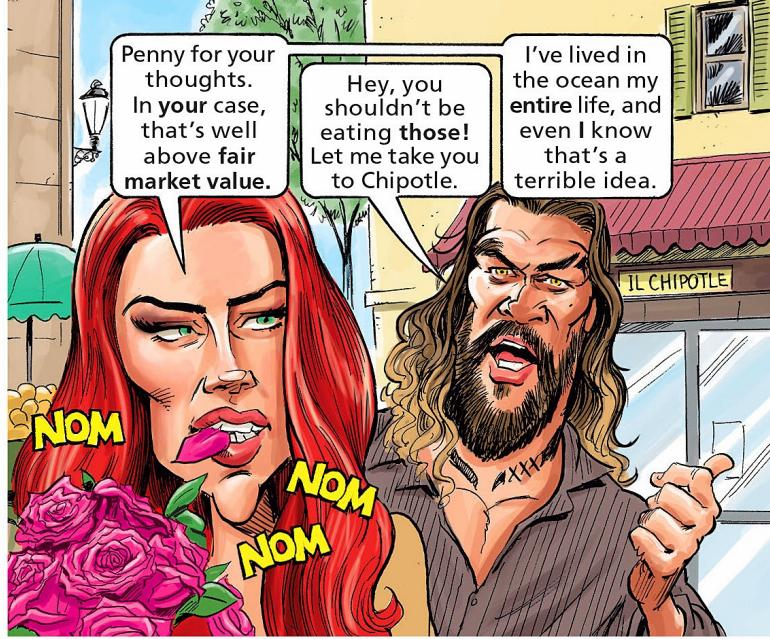
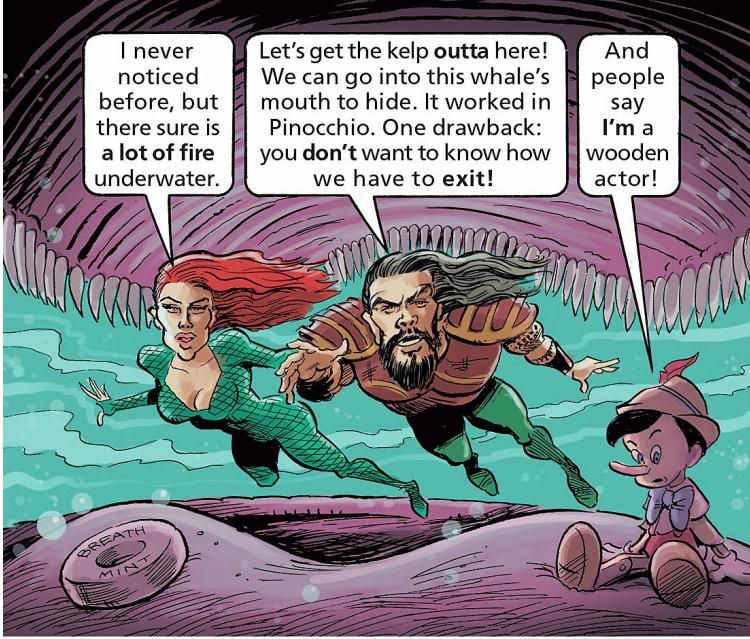


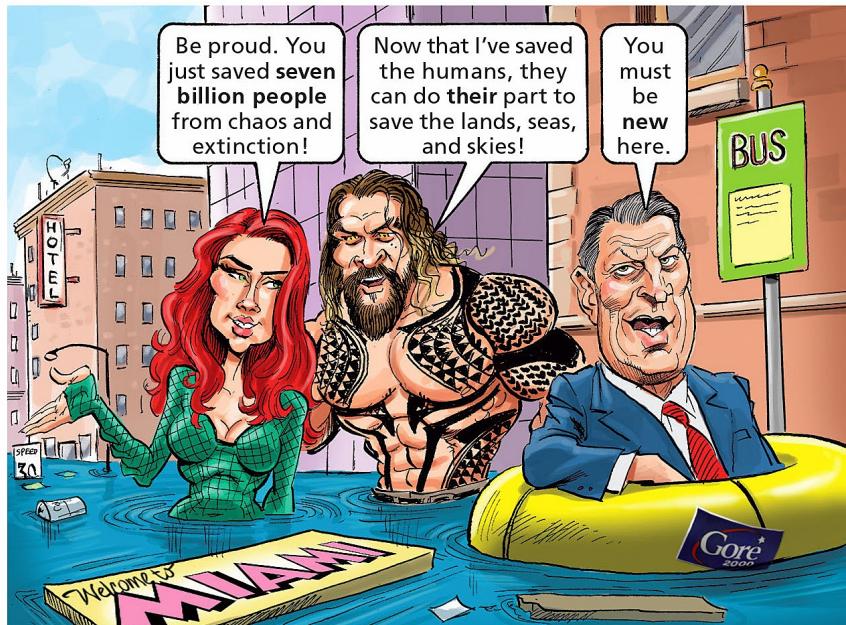
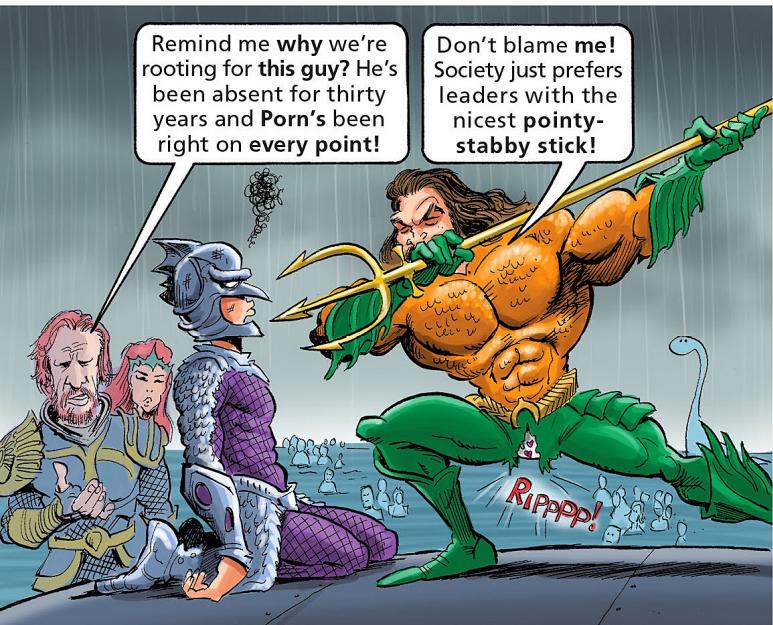
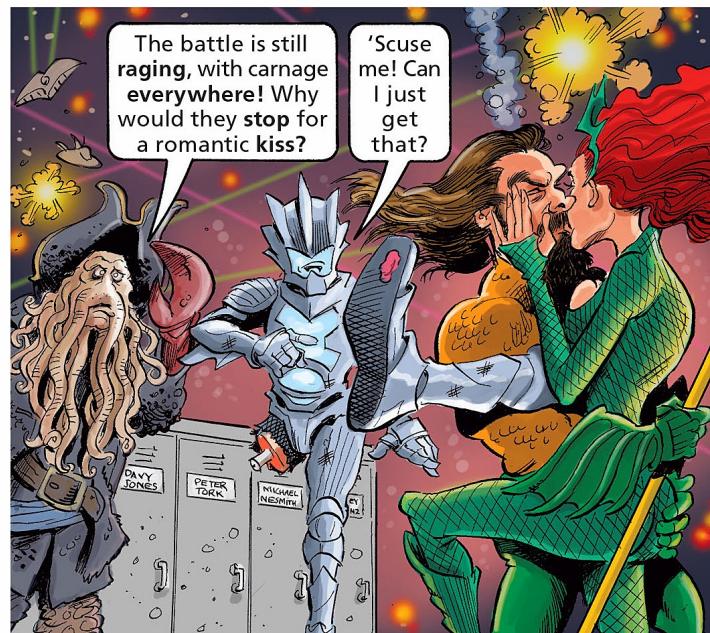


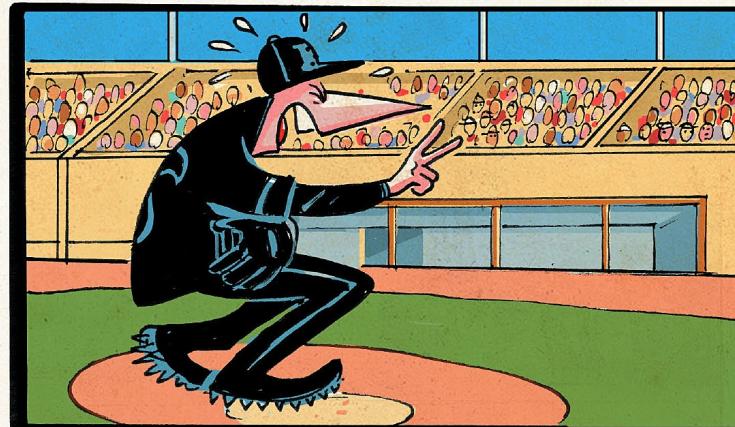
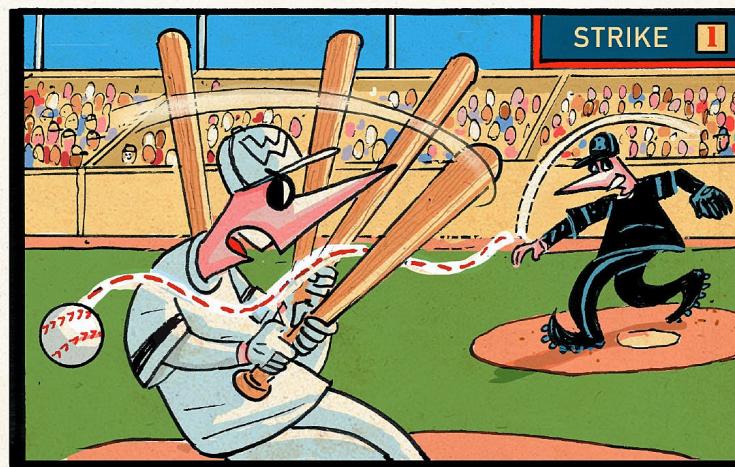


The end of a vacation is like a thirsty tick:  
It sucks. Unless the vacation was full of ticks.



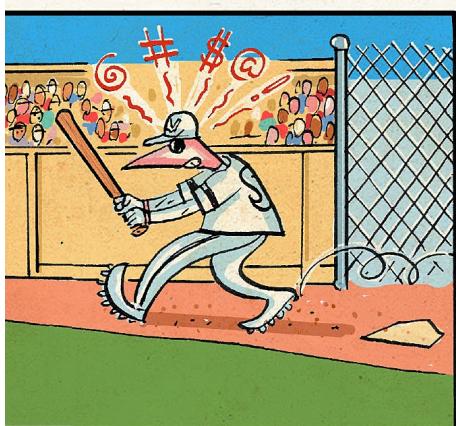
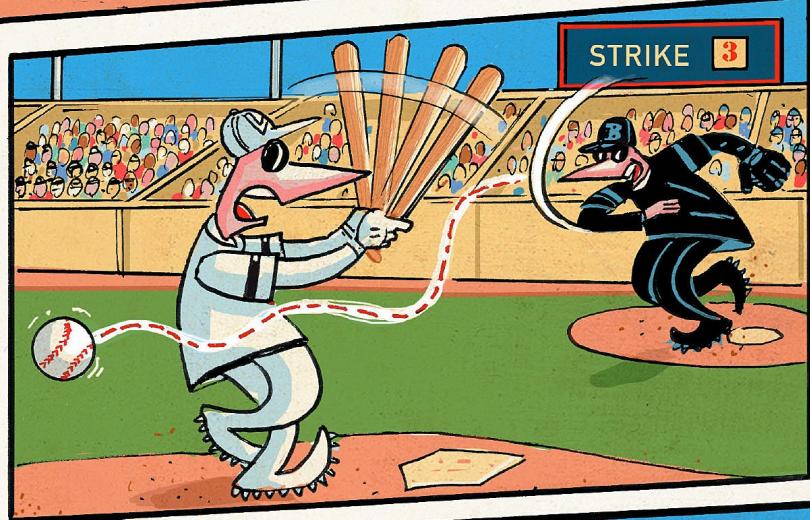
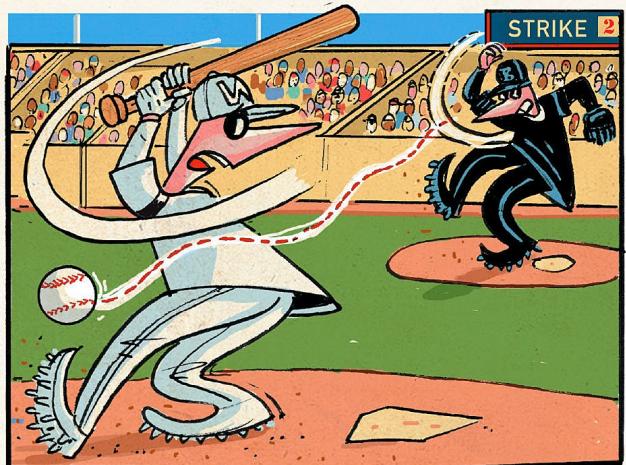
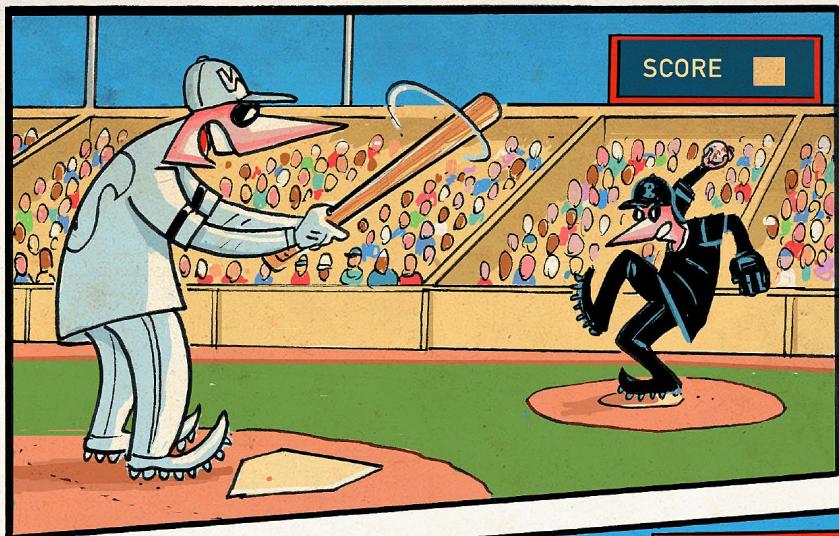
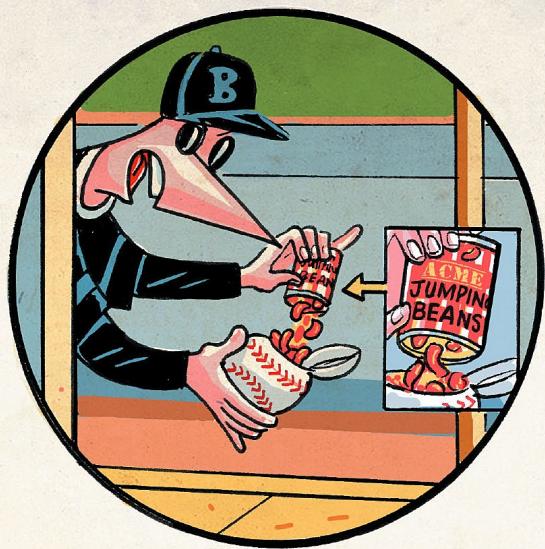






# SPY VS SPY





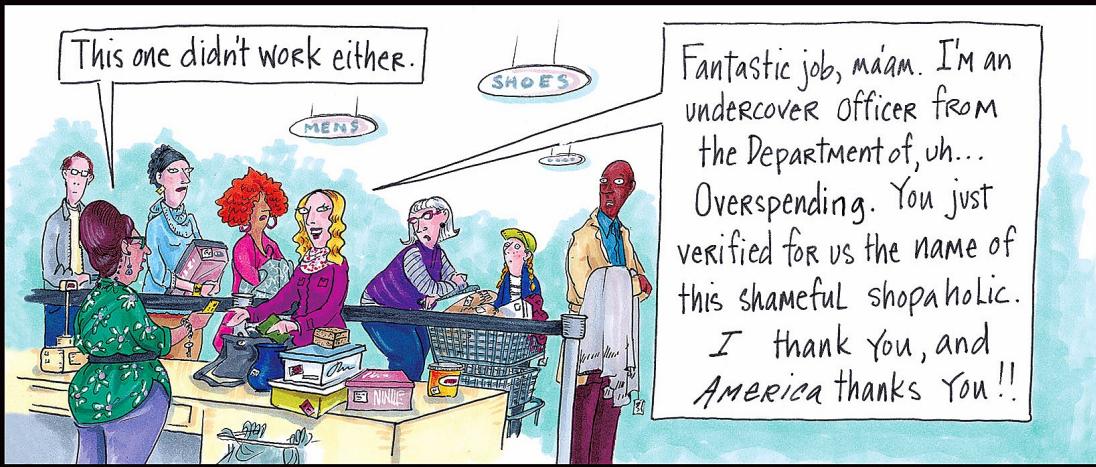


Your credit cards being **maxed out** doesn't mean **YOU** should be **stressed out**. It's a problem, but **you'll** take care of it...eventually. Someday. Probably. **Right?!** In the meantime, consider yourself richer because you've got your hands on another installment of MAD's tips for making the best out of the worst. Now...

# LET'S HAVE

# FUN

Turn the public humiliation of having your card declined into a public performance.



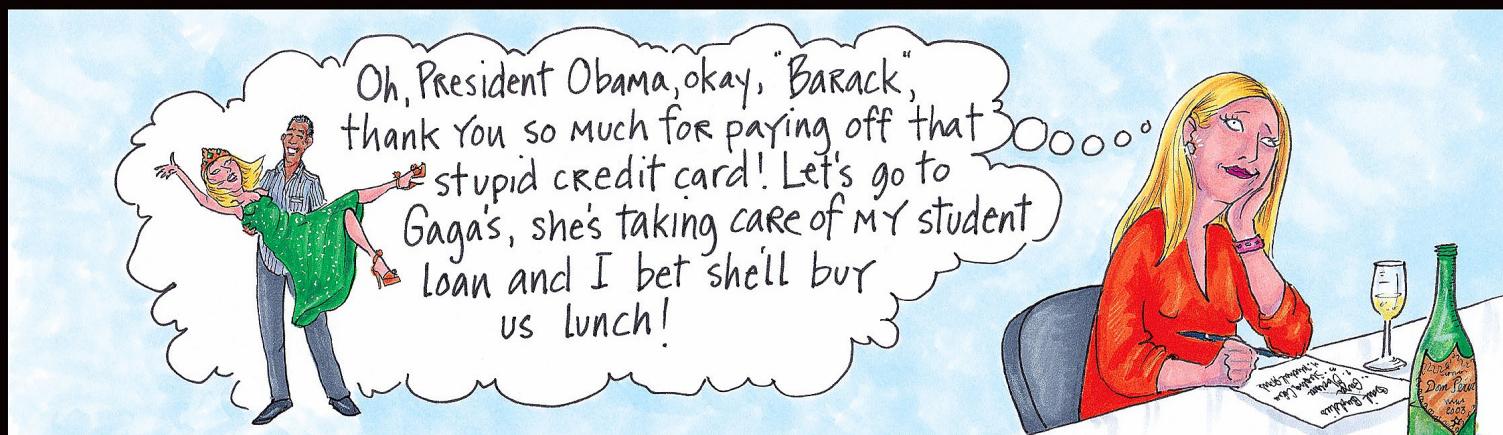
Put together your own out-of-control-spending support group.



Invite friends over for a "fright night" every four months when you check your bank balance.



Create a bucket list of all the people you dream could bail you out.



# WITH YOUR \$TAGGERING DEBT!

WRITER & ARTIST  
TERESA BURNS PARKHURST

Alleviate debtor's guilt by remembering that living with a financial deficit is the American way!



Blast  
"Mo Money  
Mo Problems"  
into  
creditors  
ears until  
they stop  
calling.



Use your pile of collection agency documents to make a beautiful origami sculpture garden.



Now that you're back to living with your parents, make your old room look like a *real* apartment.

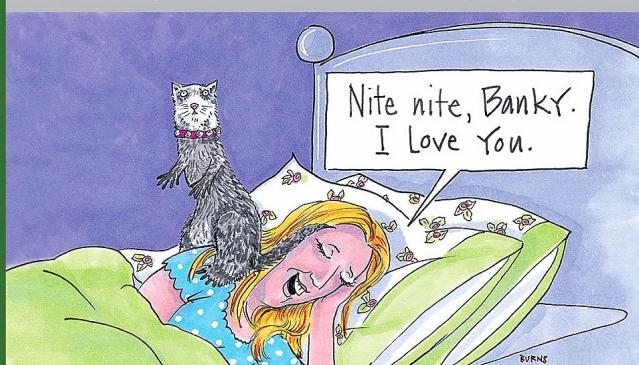


Throw a going away party for each of the items you have to pawn off.

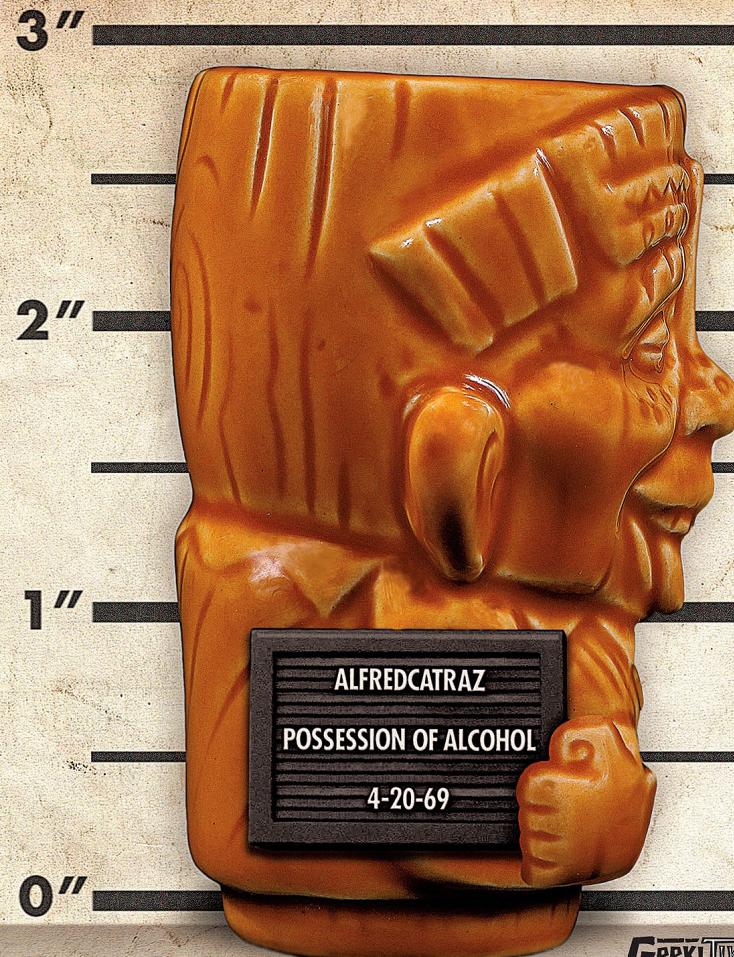
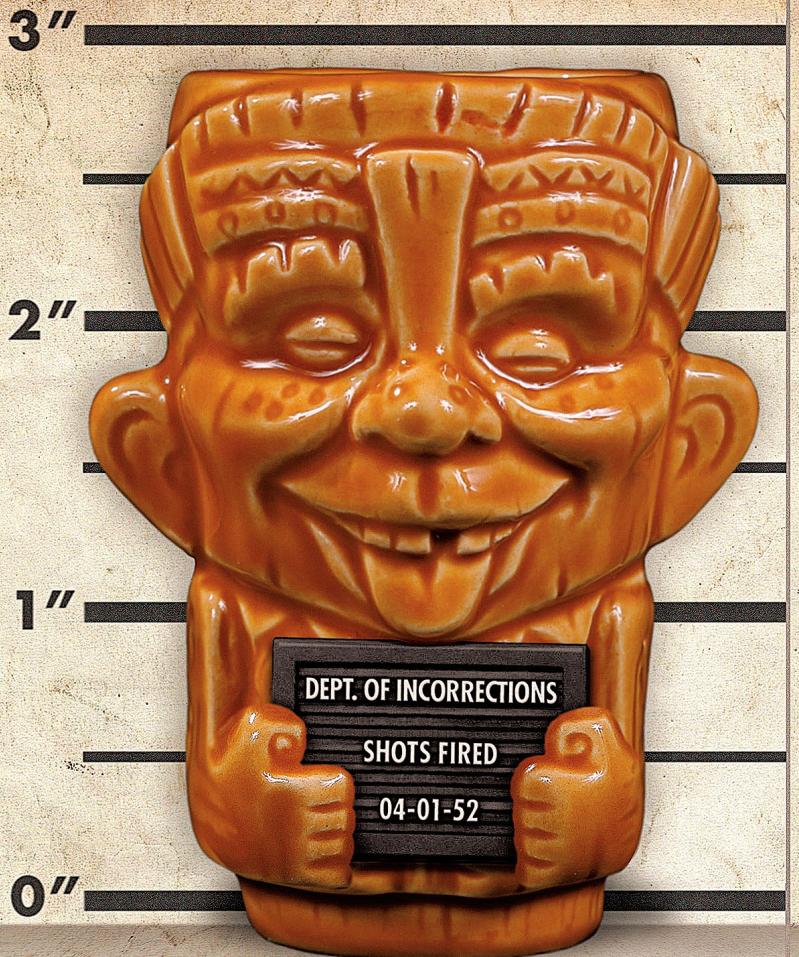
Come on other stuff, let's have ONE more toast for Elliptical Machine and wish it a great future!



Just to be ironic, name your new ferret (which you can't afford) Bankruptcy.



# A MUGSHOT YOU WON'T REGRET TAKING!



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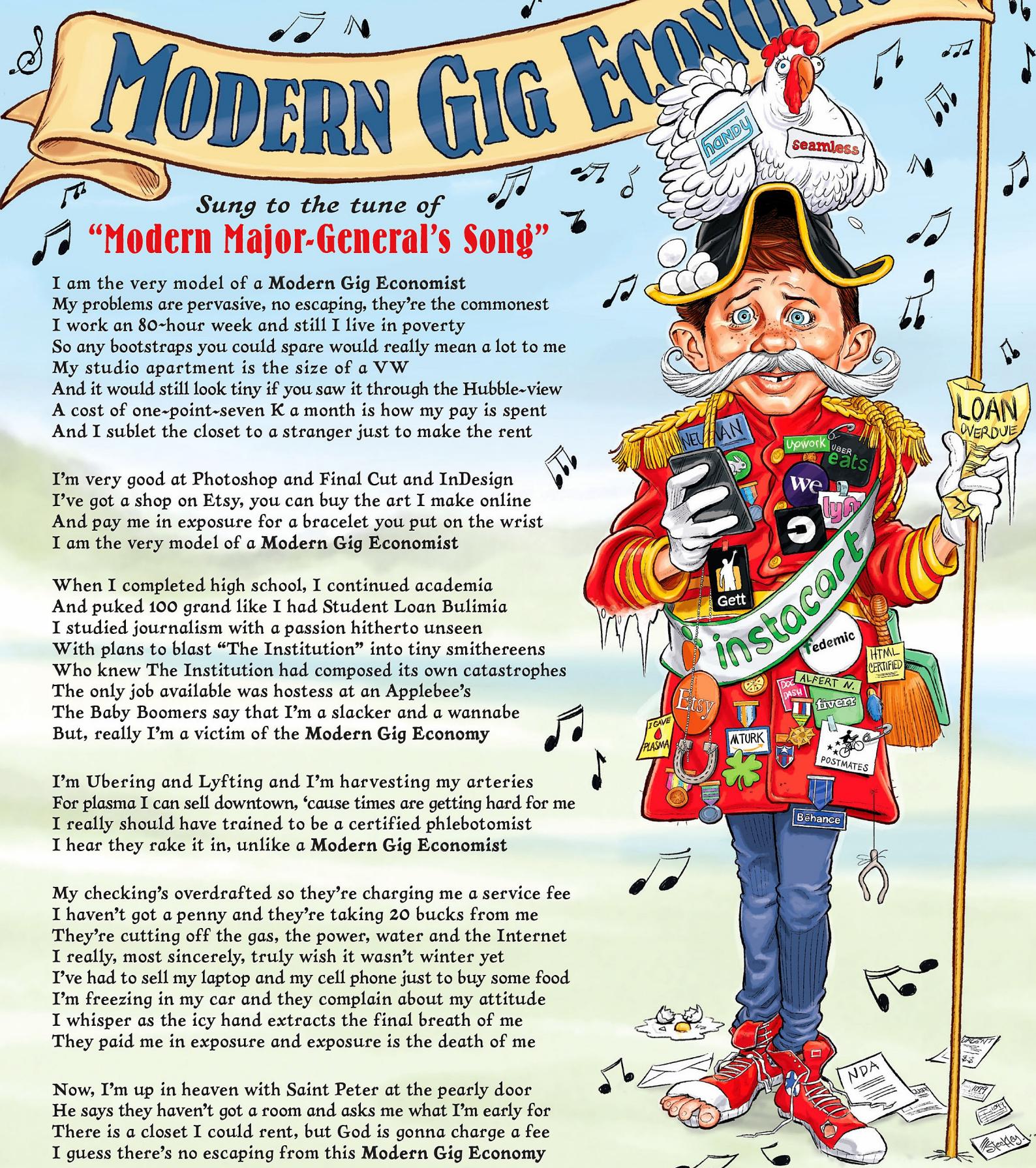
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We here at MAD keep a keen eye on trends, constantly surveying the pop culture landscape for inspiration. Whether it's movies, television, literature, or music, we stay on the cutting edge and we cut deep! We could have given Cardi B the business, cut Royce da 5'9" down to size, or yanked on 2 Chainz' chains. Instead, we're skewering the pop duo that kids today can't stop talking about: Gilbert & Sullivan!



I am the very model of a Modern Gig Economist  
My problems are pervasive, no escaping, they're the commonest  
I work an 80-hour week and still I live in poverty  
So any bootstraps you could spare would really mean a lot to me  
My studio apartment is the size of a VW  
And it would still look tiny if you saw it through the Hubble-view  
A cost of one-point-seven K a month is how my pay is spent  
And I sublet the closet to a stranger just to make the rent

I'm very good at Photoshop and Final Cut and InDesign  
I've got a shop on Etsy, you can buy the art I make online  
And pay me in exposure for a bracelet you put on the wrist  
I am the very model of a Modern Gig Economist

When I completed high school, I continued academia  
And puked 100 grand like I had Student Loan Bulimia  
I studied journalism with a passion hitherto unseen  
With plans to blast "The Institution" into tiny smithereens  
Who knew The Institution had composed its own catastrophes  
The only job available was hostess at an Applebee's  
The Baby Boomers say that I'm a slacker and a wannabe  
But, really I'm a victim of the Modern Gig Economy

I'm Ubering and Lyfting and I'm harvesting my arteries  
For plasma I can sell downtown, 'cause times are getting hard for me  
I really should have trained to be a certified phlebotomist  
I hear they rake it in, unlike a Modern Gig Economist

My checking's overdrafted so they're charging me a service fee  
I haven't got a penny and they're taking 20 bucks from me  
They're cutting off the gas, the power, water and the Internet  
I really, most sincerely, truly wish it wasn't winter yet  
I've had to sell my laptop and my cell phone just to buy some food  
I'm freezing in my car and they complain about my attitude  
I whisper as the icy hand extracts the final breath of me  
They paid me in exposure and exposure is the death of me

Now, I'm up in heaven with Saint Peter at the pearly door  
He says they haven't got a room and asks me what I'm early for  
There is a closet I could rent, but God is gonna charge a fee  
I guess there's no escaping from this Modern Gig Economy



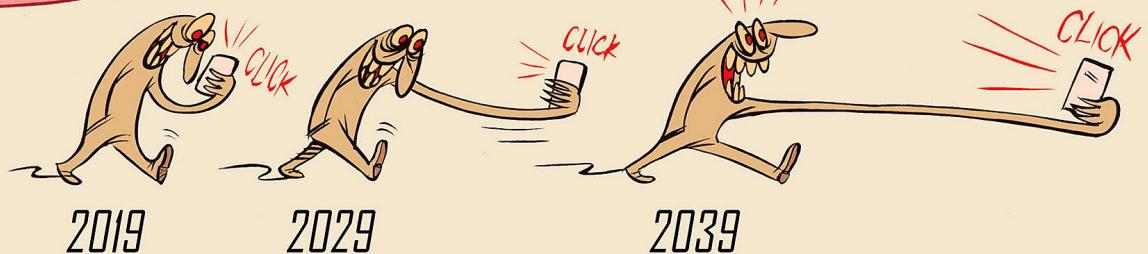
# NEW EVOLUTIONISM!

WRITER & ARTIST HURRICANE IVAN



## the SELFIE ARM!

One of the **first** radical changes will take place in just a few years. Instagram addicts, forget your **shameful** selfie sticks! Nature will reward your **resourcefulness**!



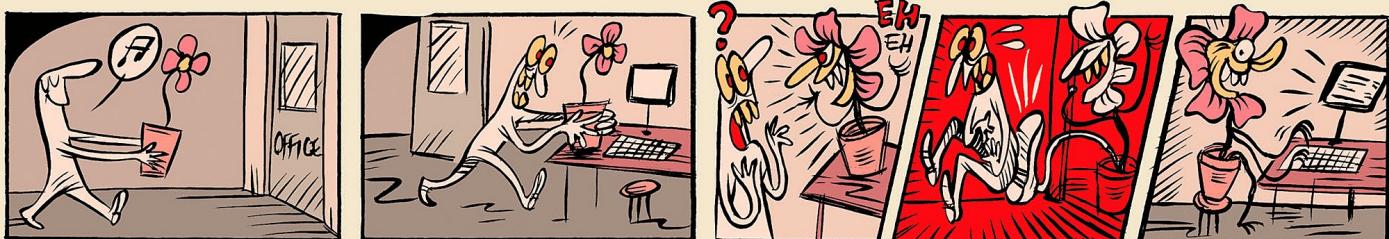
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## the JOB STEALER!

As **everyone** knows, in the future humans will lose their jobs to **robots**. Another cruel career predator will be this morphing **monster**, able to blend into even the most **mundane** of places!



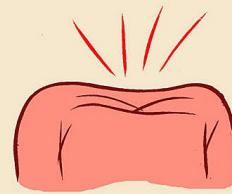
## the HUMAN / KITTENS!

After years of dominating social networks, human **influencers** and cute **kittens** will finally **unite**. They shall lord over all other species, colonizing Earth with a glamorous new **mutant pedigree**!



# GENTRIFICATION INTERNALIZATION!

To cope with rising rent prices, the **people of the future** will learn to live **within** themselves!

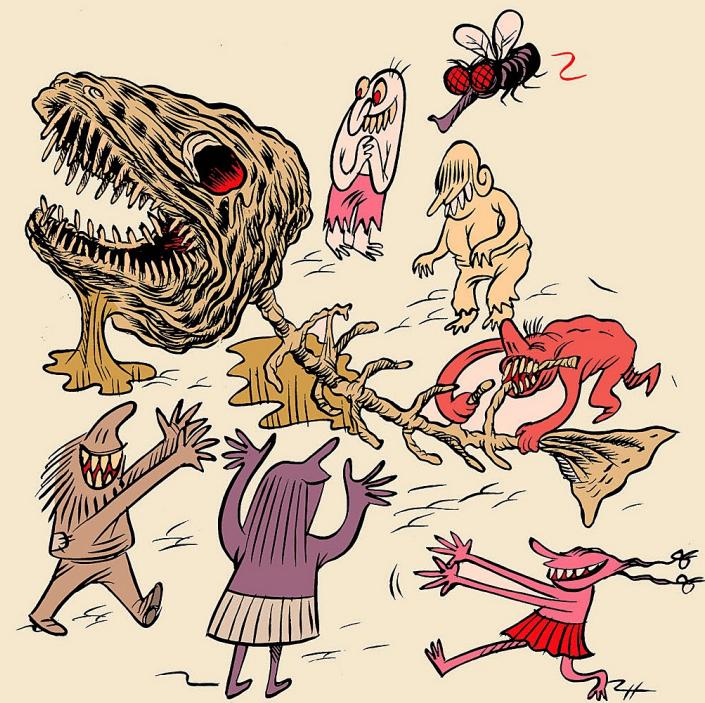


## the LITERAL HUMAN RECESSION!

Unemployed persons will no longer have to fear starvation **nor** dehydration! The **wage gap** between rich and poor will be so great as to create an **evolutionary disparity** even in their **physical size**!



Cheer up! In your new **small size**, you will need **fewer resources**!



## STEP 1

BUY AN AVOCADO!



## STEP 7

BUY ANOTHER AVOCADO!



## STEP 11

DECIDE YOU ENJOY EATING OUTSIDE  
ON SIDEWALKS NEAR MOVING  
TRAFFIC AND CAR EXHAUST.



## STEP 2

COMPLETE THE BREAD CYCLE:

SWITCH FROM EATING  
WHITE BREAD TOAST

TO WHEAT BREAD TOAST

TO 32-GRAIN BREAD TOAST

TO GLUTEN-FREE TOAST

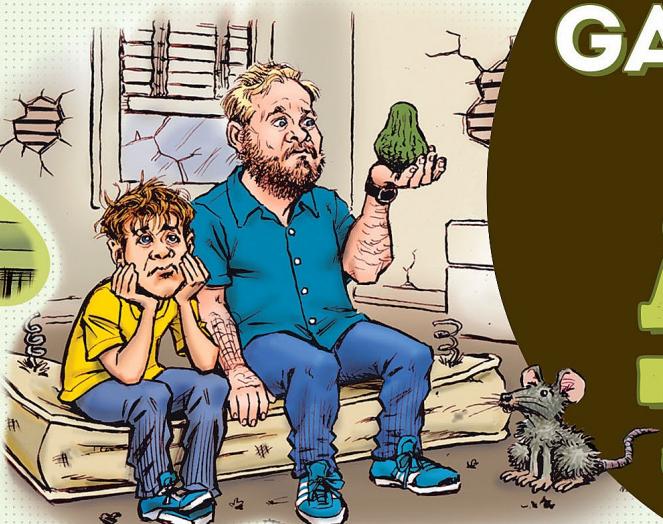
TO USING LETTUCE AS BREAD

TO SAWDUST TOAST

TO WHITE BREAD TOAST,  
IRONICALLY.

## STEP 8

MOVE INTO A SINGLE-ROOM HALFWAY HOUSE THAT  
ONLY Allows HOT PLATES AND TOASTERS.



## STEP 3

GIVE UP CHEESE, BUTTER, DAIRY, AND OVERALL  
HAPPINESS. BEGIN SAMPLING VEGETABLES,  
SEARCHING FOR SOMETHING RESEMBLING  
A CONSISTENCY TO FOOD THAT HUMANS EAT.

## HEALTH FOOD



## GUAC OF SHAME DEPT.

Hey, everyone! I'm Jack Gaffigan, and I'm 13 years old. My evil, bald, obese dad, Jim Gaffigan, forces me to make him breakfast every morning! Then I have to watch him eat it! GROSS! Actually, one morning my fat dad (note: he is fat!) and I were laughing about how trendy and ridiculous avocado toast is, so we thought we'd pull together this recipe for you...

# JACK & JIM GAFFIGAN'S EASY 15-STEP RECIPE FOR AVOC TOAS

WRITERS JACK & JIM GAFFIGAN  
ARTIST SAM VIVIANO

## STEP 12

TRY TIMING A MEAL AROUND THAT RANDOM MINUTE  
THAT THE AVOCADO FROM STEP 7 IS NOT HARD AS A  
BASEBALL, NOR SOFT AS A PLASTIC BAG OF DOG POO.



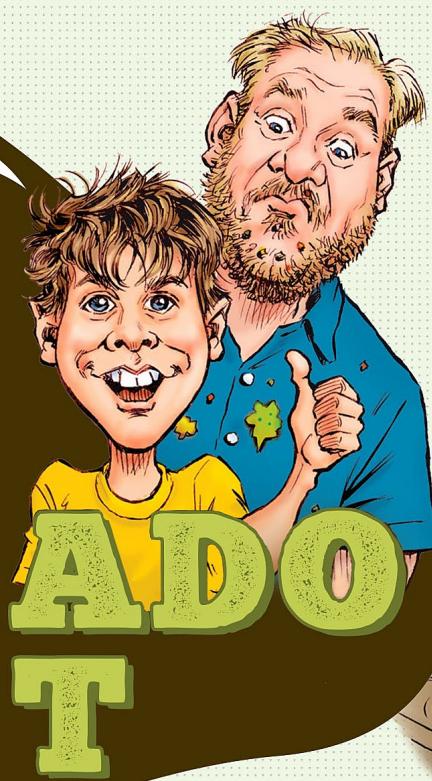
## STEP 13

GIVE UP. TOSS AVOCADO FROM STEP 7.



## STEP 4

BECOME SO RICH AND WHITE THAT YOU "DISCOVER" AVOCADOS AS A NEW VEGETABLE!



## STEP 5

TELL RICH FRIENDS OVER A GLASS OF WHITE WINE THAT YOU "LOOOOOVE AVOCADOS!!!!"



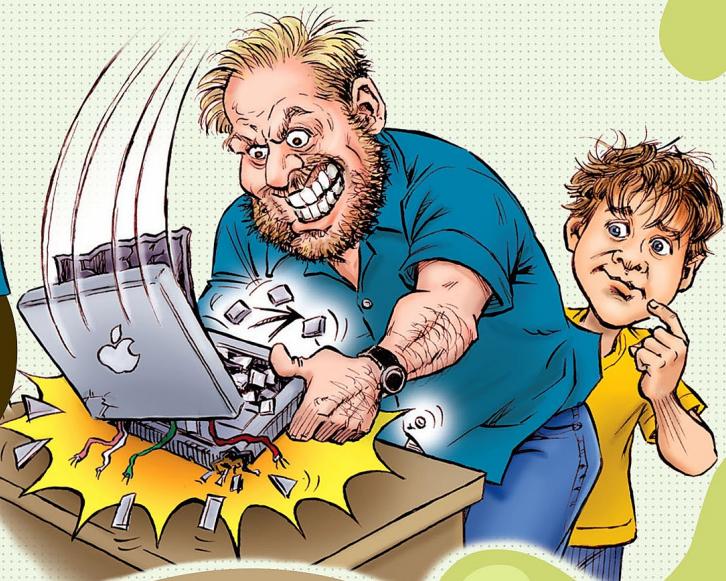
## STEP 6

TOSS OVERRIPE, ROTTEN AVOCADO YOU PURCHASED FROM STEP 1.



## STEP 9

GET ANGRY ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE'S SPELLING ERRORS ON TWITTER AND FACEBOOK. LASH OUT AT THEM FOR NO REASON AT ALL.



## STEP 10

START USING THE TERM "**BRUNCH**" IN A SINCERE, NON-SARCASTIC WAY!

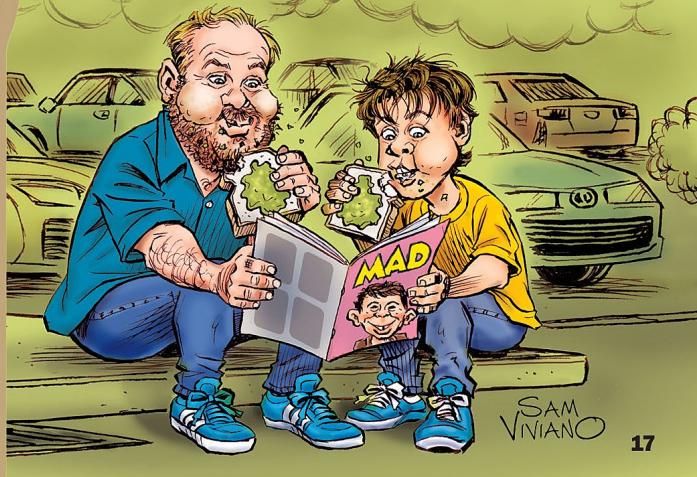
## STEP 14

GO TO A RESTAURANT AND PAY SOME GUY WHO WAS FIRED FROM STARBUCKS FOR NOT WASHING HIS HANDS \$20 TO CUT UP AN AVOCADO AND PUT IT ON A PIECE OF WHITE TOAST.



## STEP 15

SMUGLY EAT YOUR AVOCADO TOAST OUTSIDE ON A SIDEWALK NEAR MOVING TRAFFIC AND CAR EXHAUST WHILE READING MAD MAGAZINE.



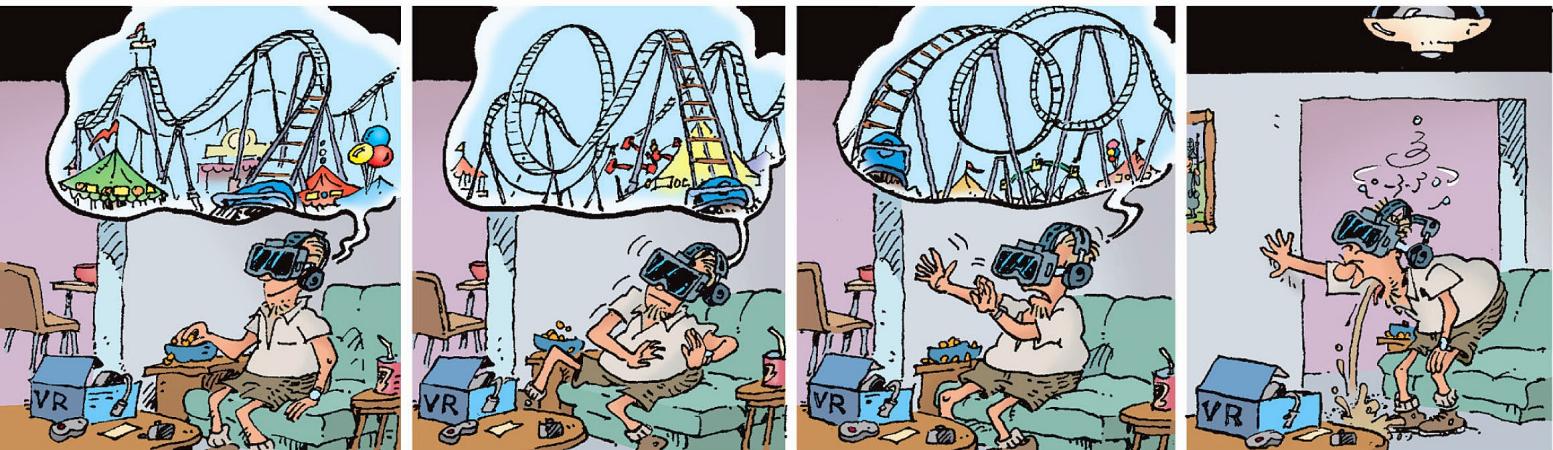
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THE SERGE-IN GENERAL DEPT.

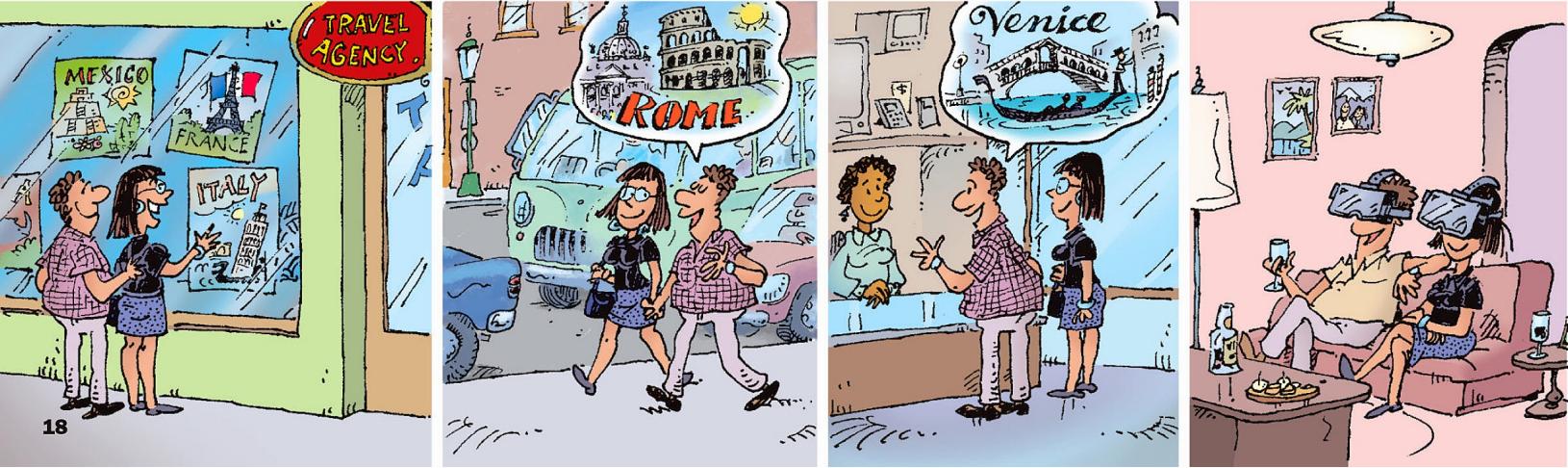
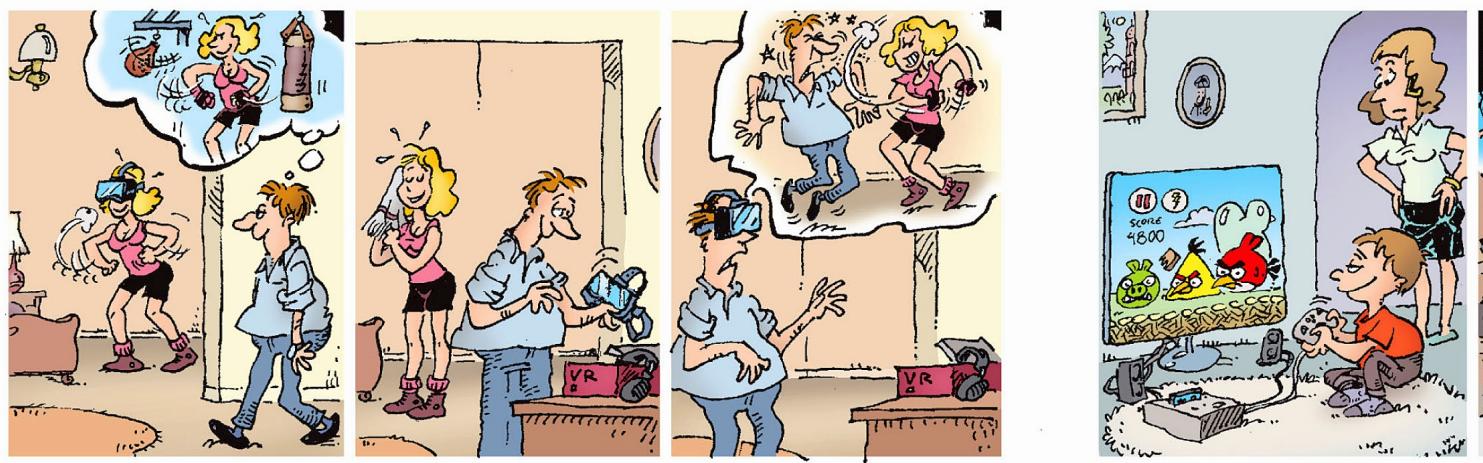
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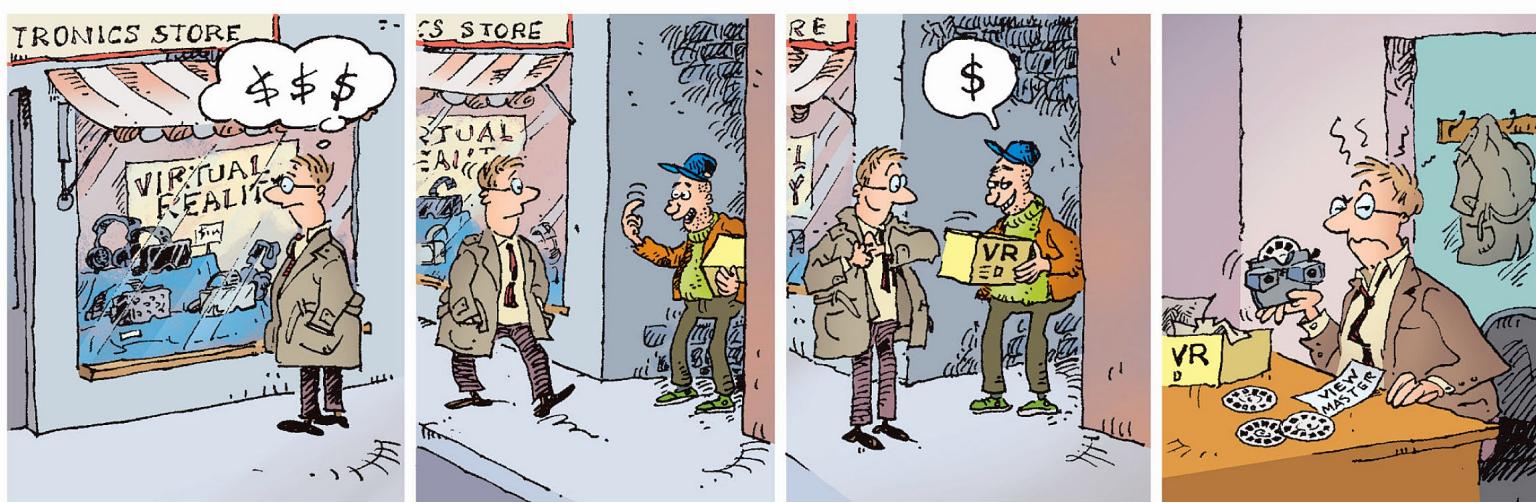
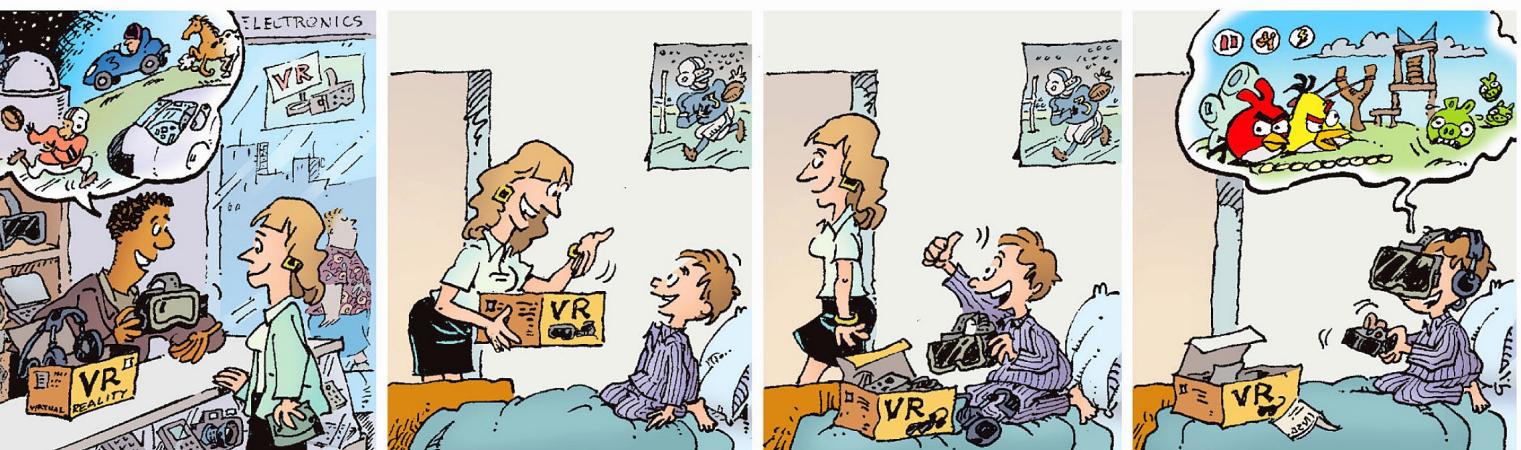
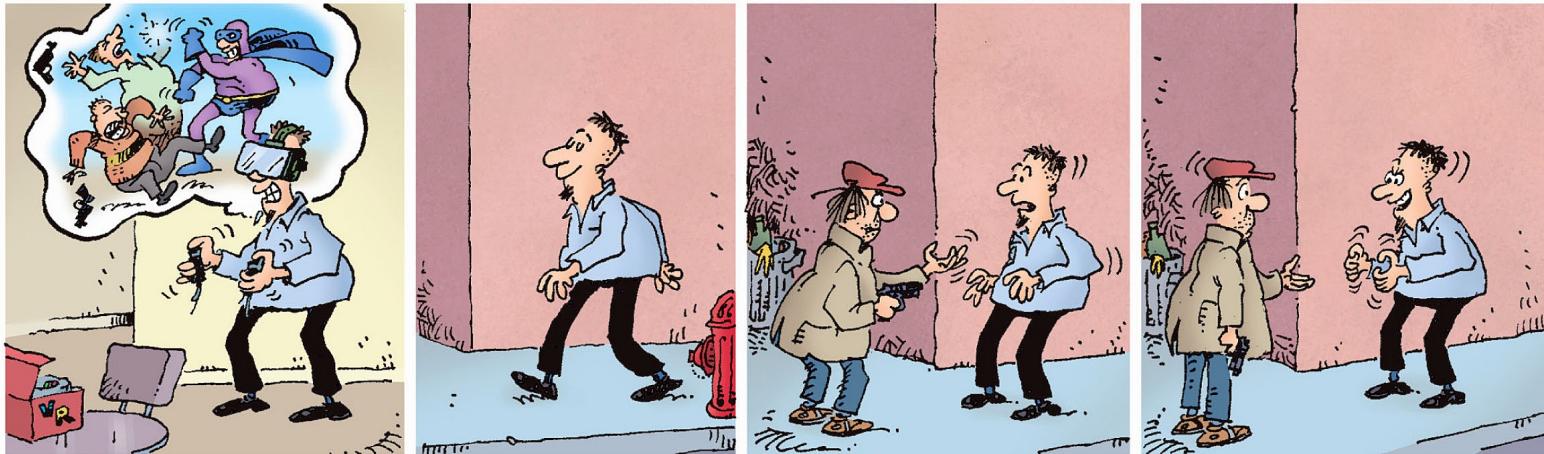
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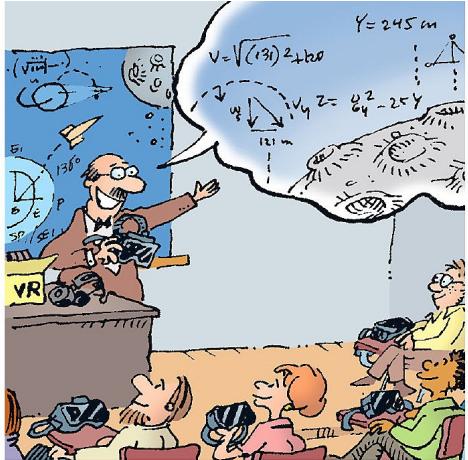


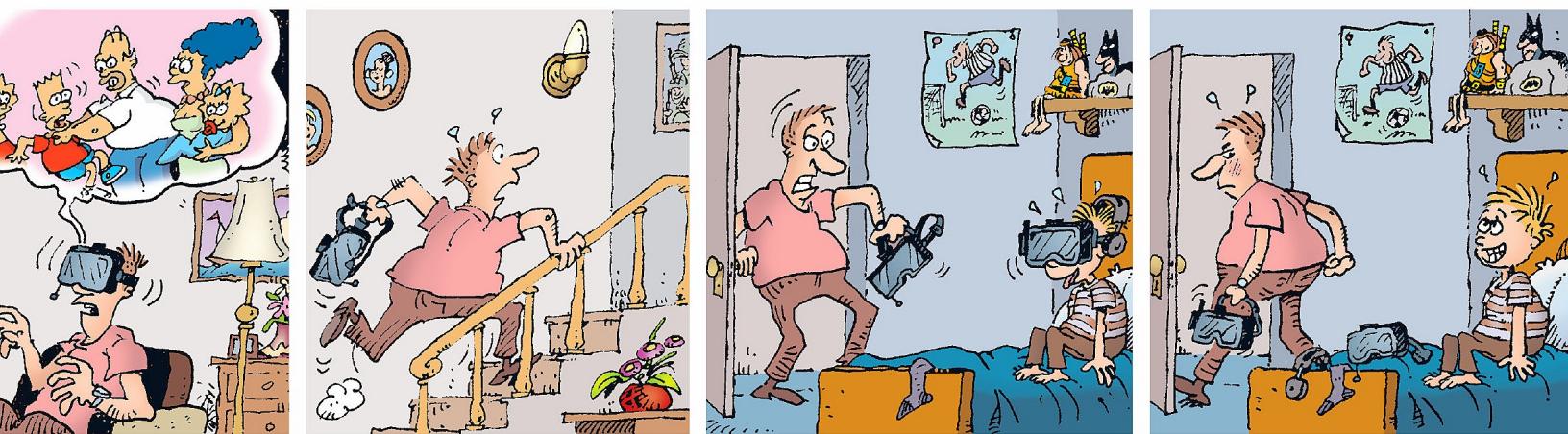
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# A-F VIRTUAL REALITY







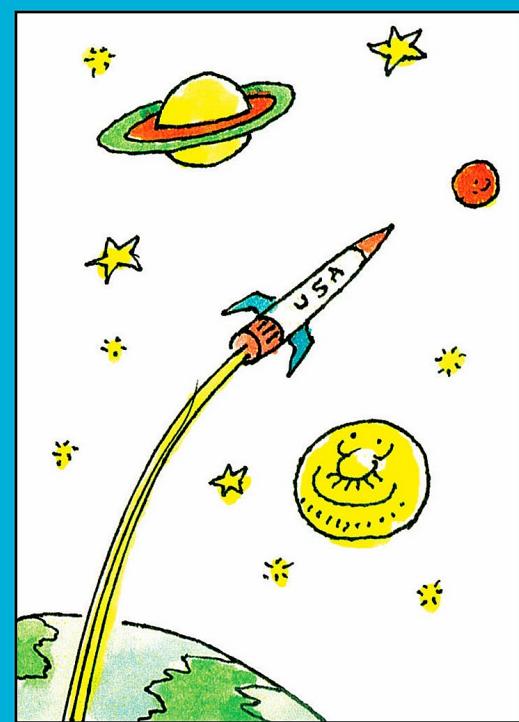
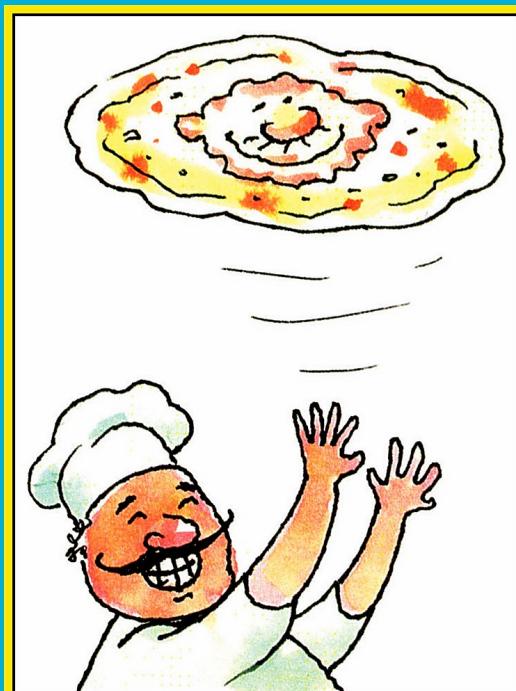
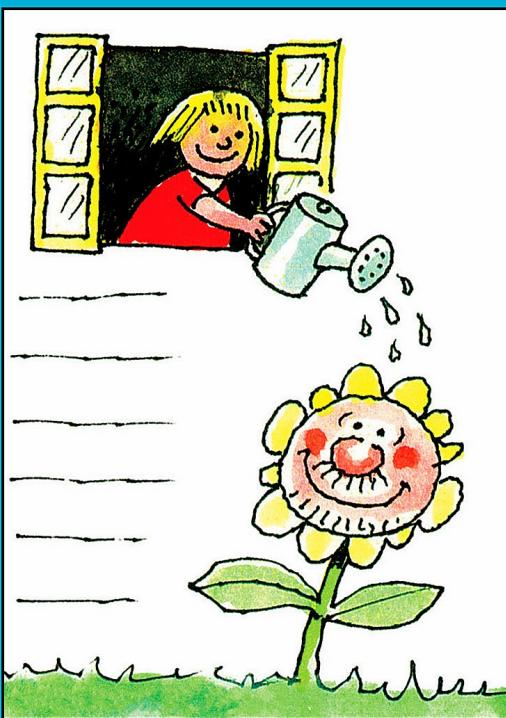
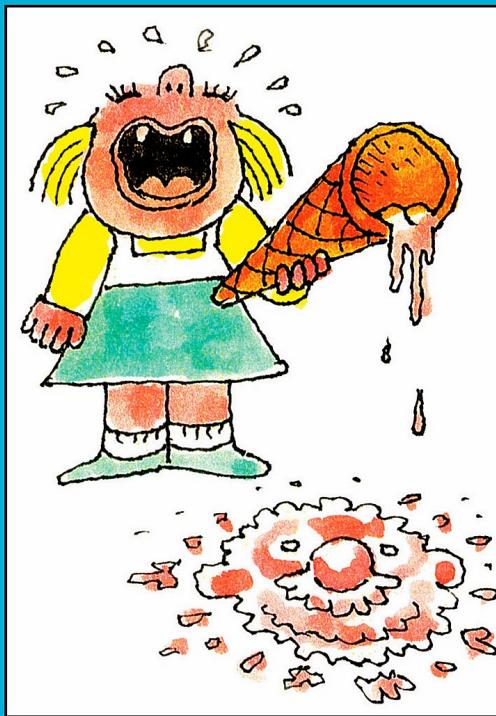


THE FOLD STANDARD DEPT.

If you're an **Al Jaffee** fan (and let's face it, you are), you know his signature is a drawing of a face instead your classic loop-di-loos. But where in the world did that face **come** from? We asked the man himself, and he presented us with these incredible origin stories!

# Events That Inspired **AL JAFFEE'S** Iconic Signature

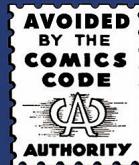
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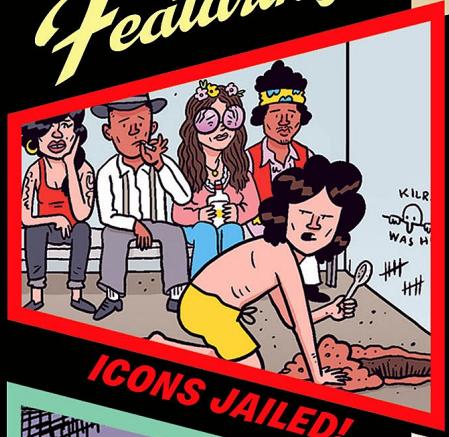
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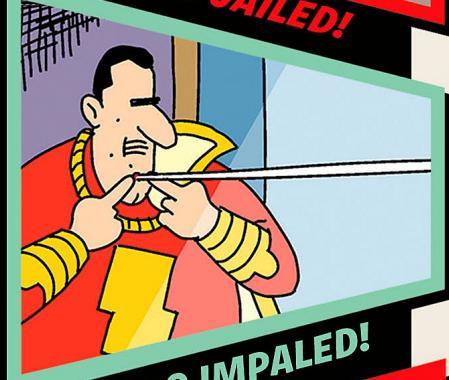
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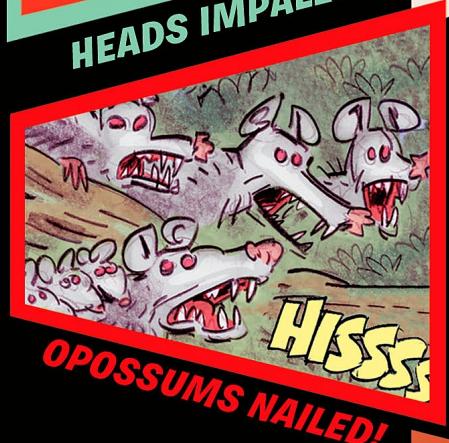
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ICONS JAILED!



HEADS IMPALED!



OPOSSUMS NAILED!



DR. SPANKENSTEIN: Booty Scientist

(It's ALIVE! And it just won't QUIT!)

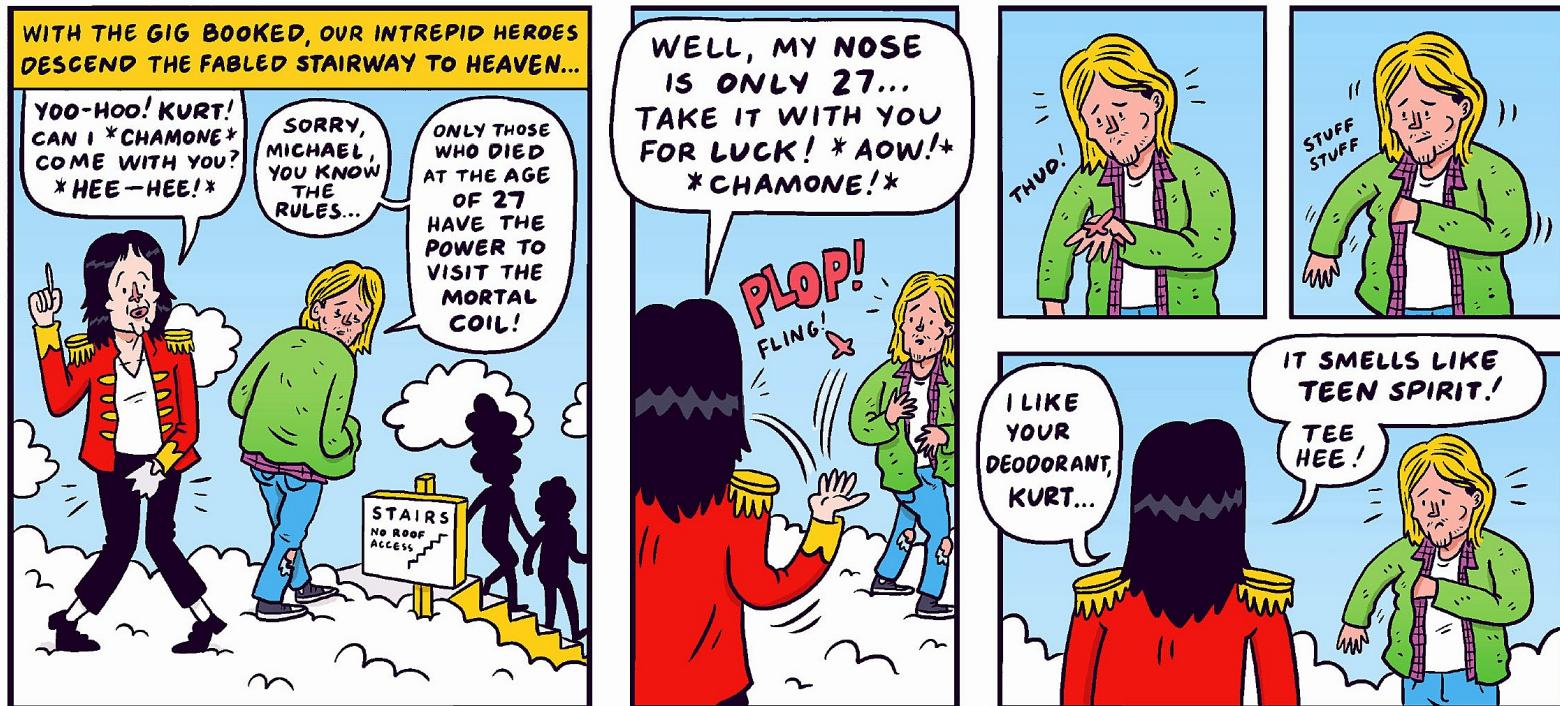
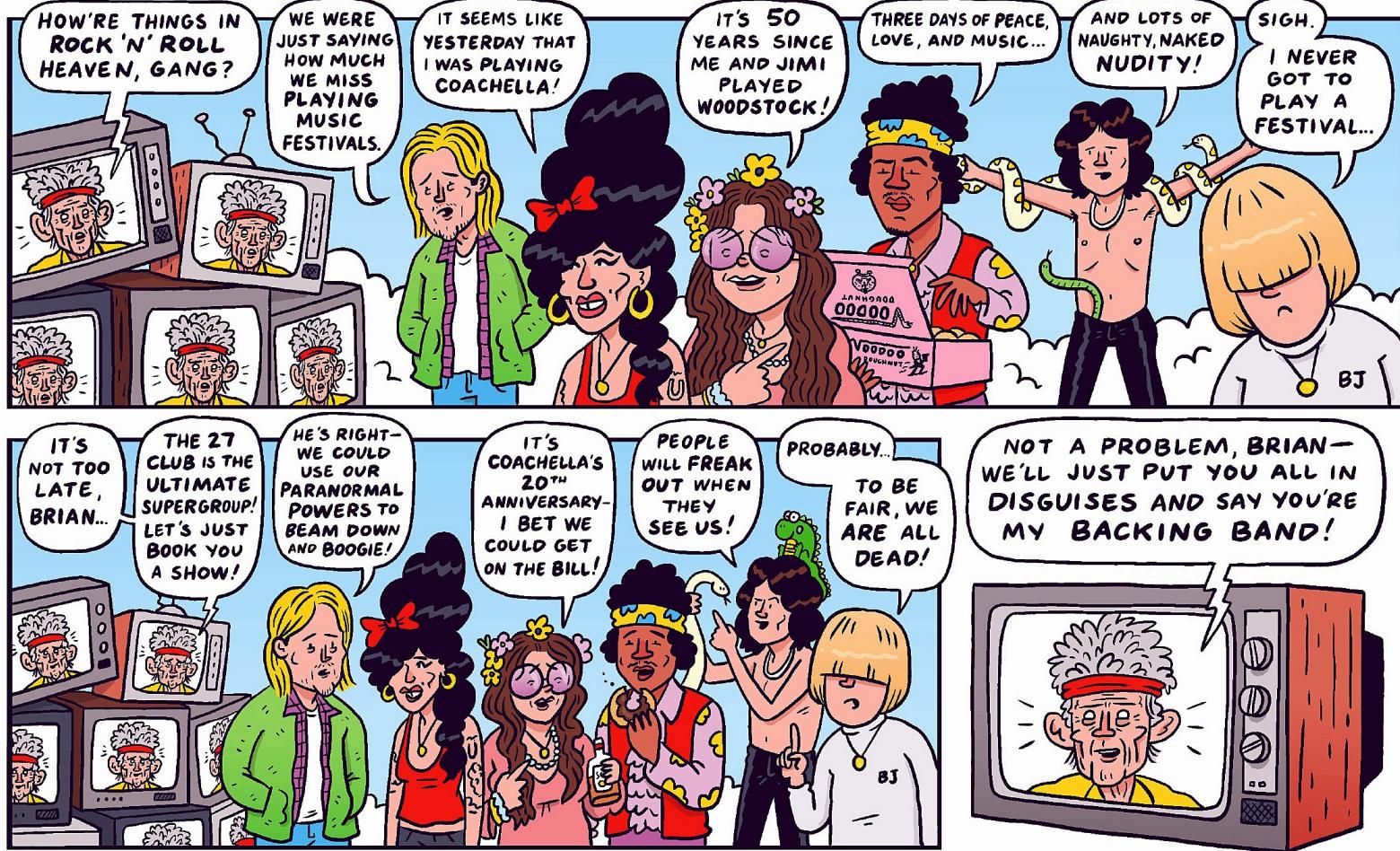


WRITER & ARTIST KERRY CALLEN

# THE 27 CLUB



JIMI JIM JANIS KURT AMY BRIAN ROBERT  
THE CELESTIAL CADRE'S COACHELLA CAPER!  
BY LUKE MCGARRY



A SLIGHT DETOUR TO PICK UP ROBERT JOHNSON...

WHAT'S WRONG,  
ROBERT? YOU  
LOOK REALLY  
ANNOYED!

I'M TOO UPSET TO  
TALK ABOUT IT  
RIGHT NOW...  
BUT I'LL  
TELL YOU  
THIS...

SOMETIMES I WISH  
I'D NEVER SOLD MY  
SOUL TO THE DEVIL!

A FEW MINUTES LATER...

YOUR TOUR BUS  
AWAITS!

I CALL  
SHOTGUN!

COACHELLA,  
HERE WE  
COME!

ARE YOU GOING  
TO TELL US WHAT  
WAS SO TERRIBLE,  
ROBERT?

TODAY WAS  
"ALL YOU CAN  
EAT" HOT DOG  
DAY IN HELL...

ERM... THAT  
DOESN'T SOUND  
TOO BAD?

OH NO? WHAT IF I  
TOLD YOU THAT LUCIFER  
PERSONALLY MADE SURE  
THERE WAS NO KETCHUP,  
NO MUSTARD, NO RELISH?

HE'S A  
MONSTER!

I THINK YOU'RE  
BEING A BIT  
HARD ON SATAN  
THERE, ROB...

HUH! I NEVER THOUGHT  
YOU'D HAVE SYMPATHY  
FOR THE DEVIL!

SOON...

HERE WE  
ARE, GUYS...

COACHELLA!

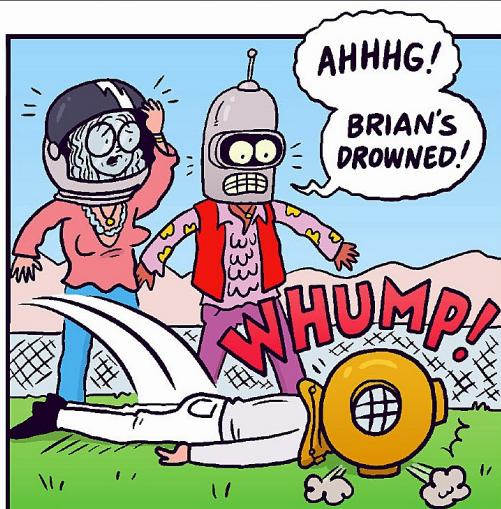
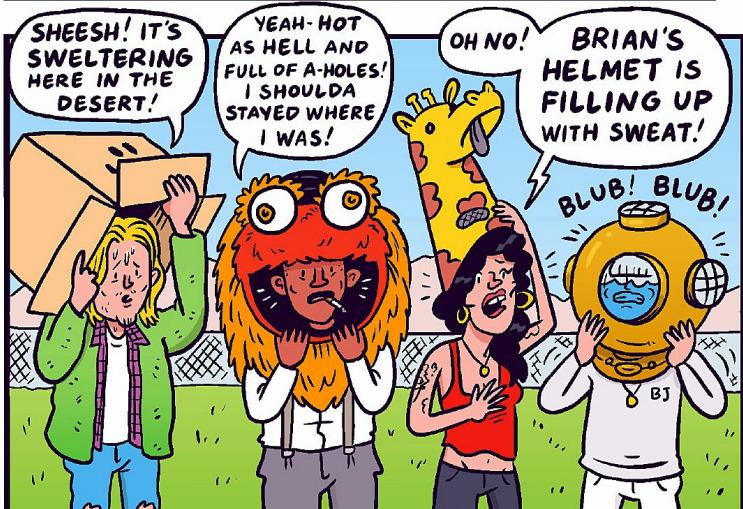
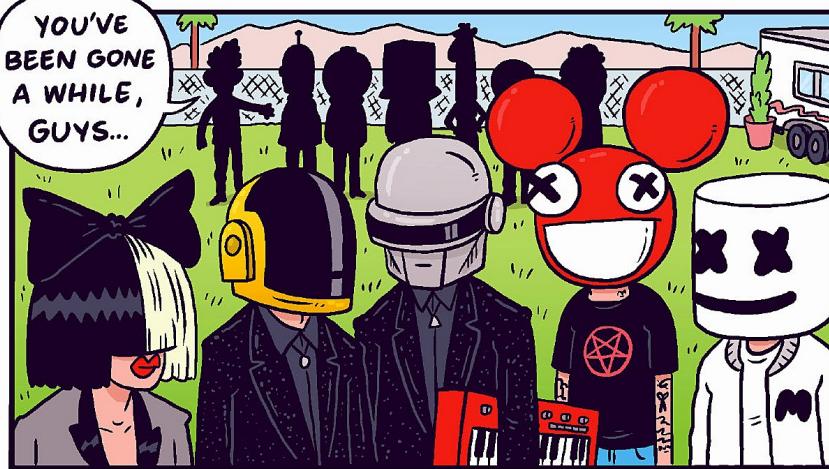
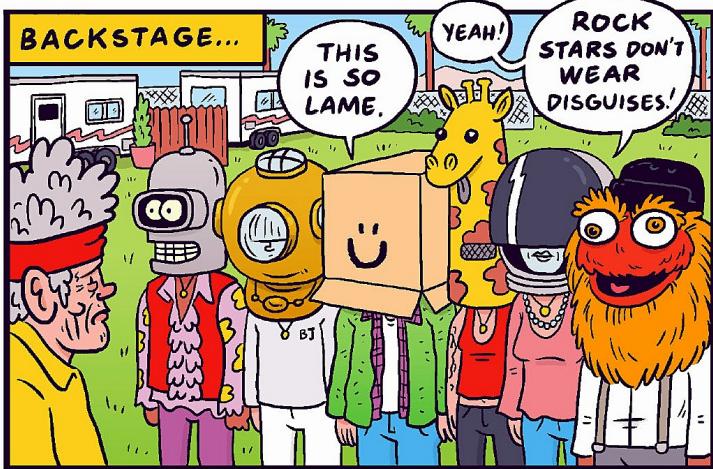
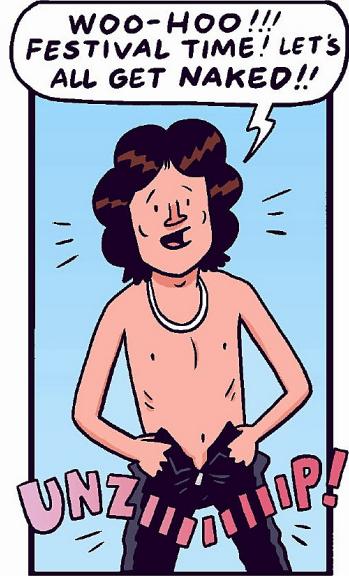
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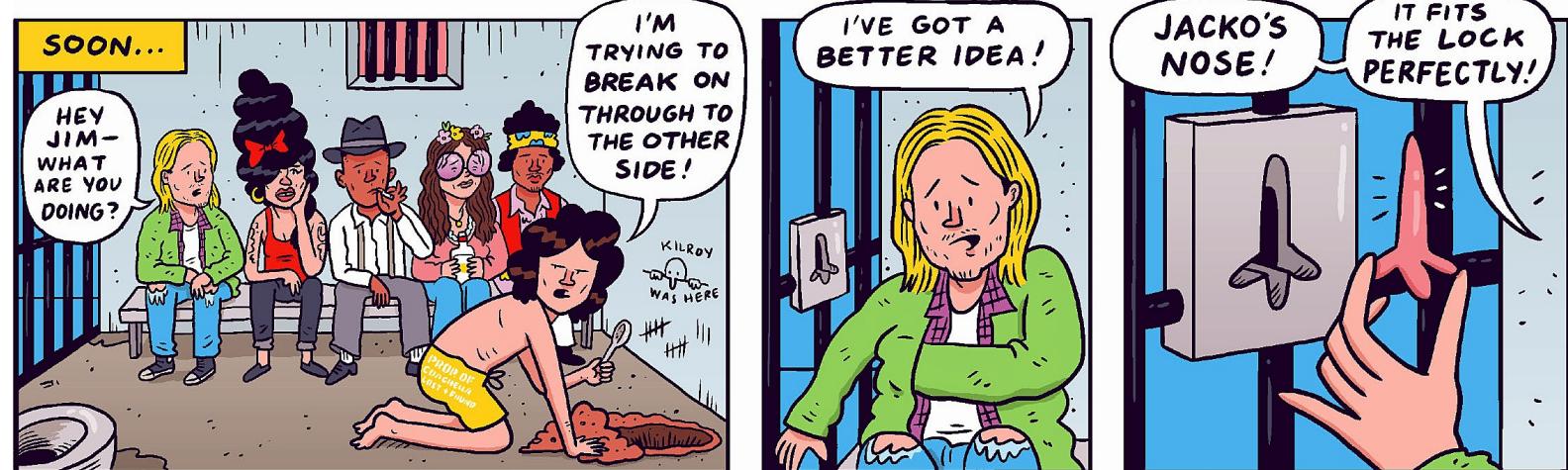
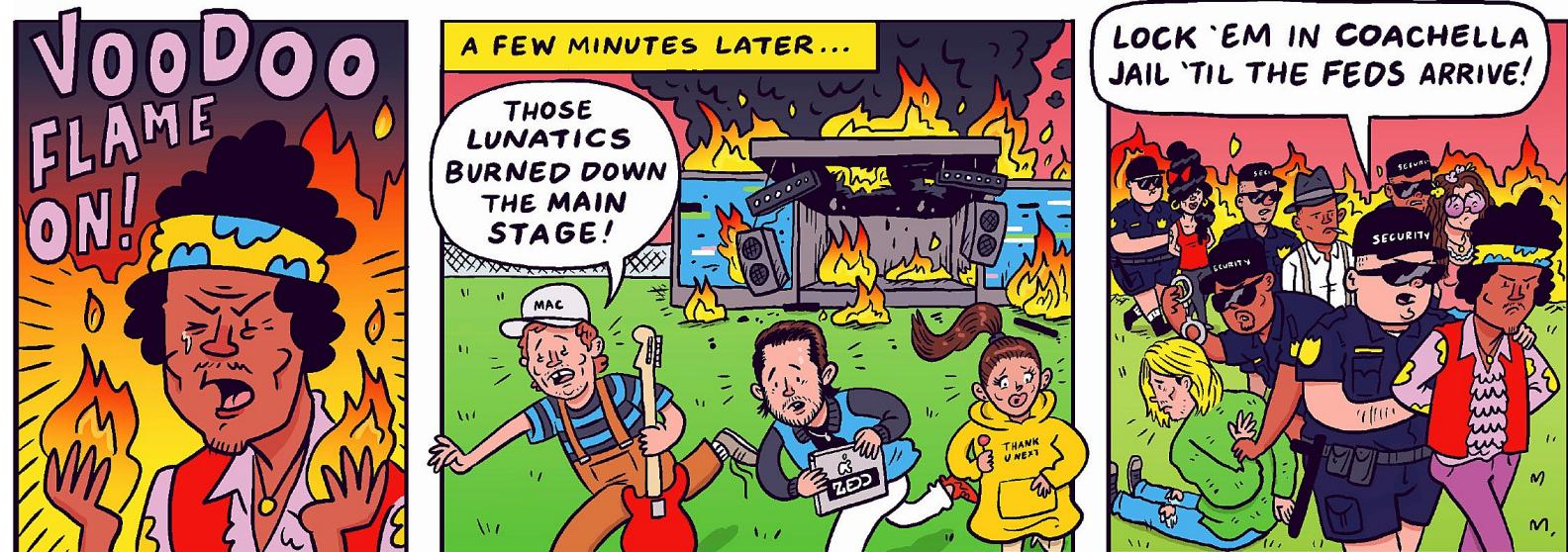
WOW! FESTIVALS  
ARE JUST  
LIKE I  
REMEMBERED!

IN FACT, I'M SURE I GAVE THAT TOP  
TO GOODWILL IN 1969...

D3DGUY5

SELFIE!  
SELFIE!



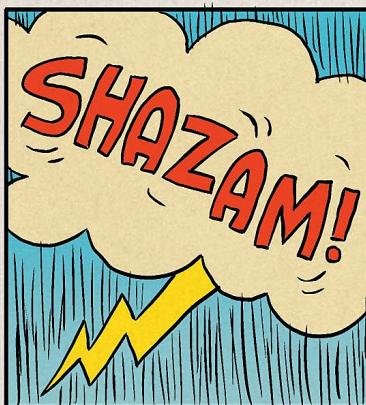


# SHAZAM! FUNNIES

## SHAZNUTS

WRITER & ARTIST KERRY CALLEN

STUPID  
HARMFUL  
ASININE  
ZZZ-INDUCING  
APPALING  
MAD-APPROVED!



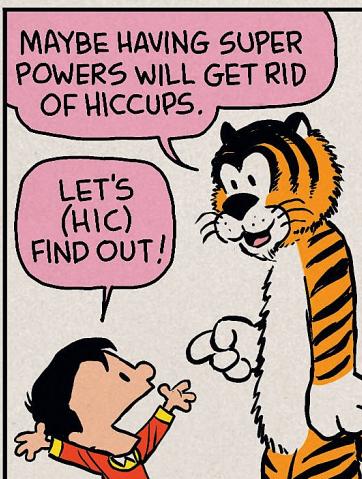
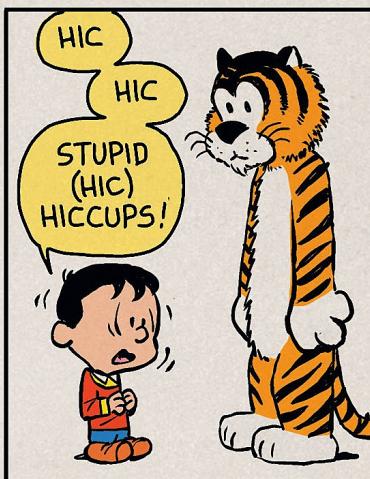
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## THE JUSTICE CIRCUS

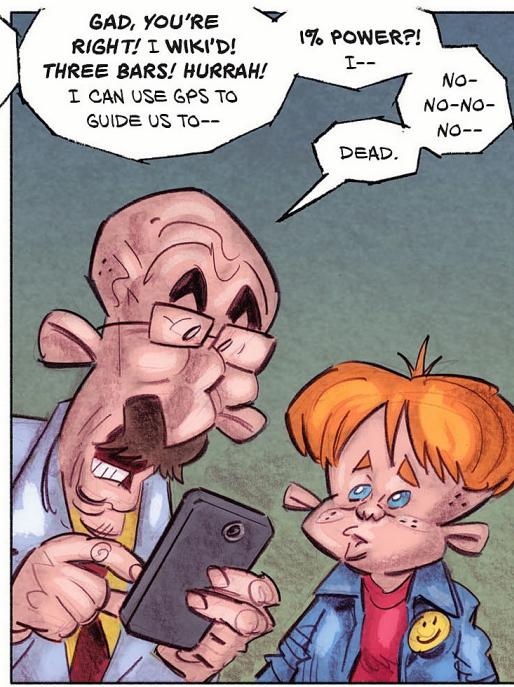
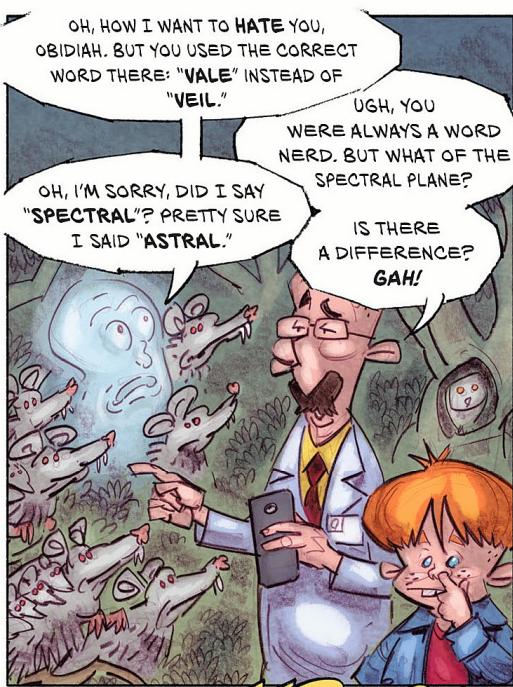


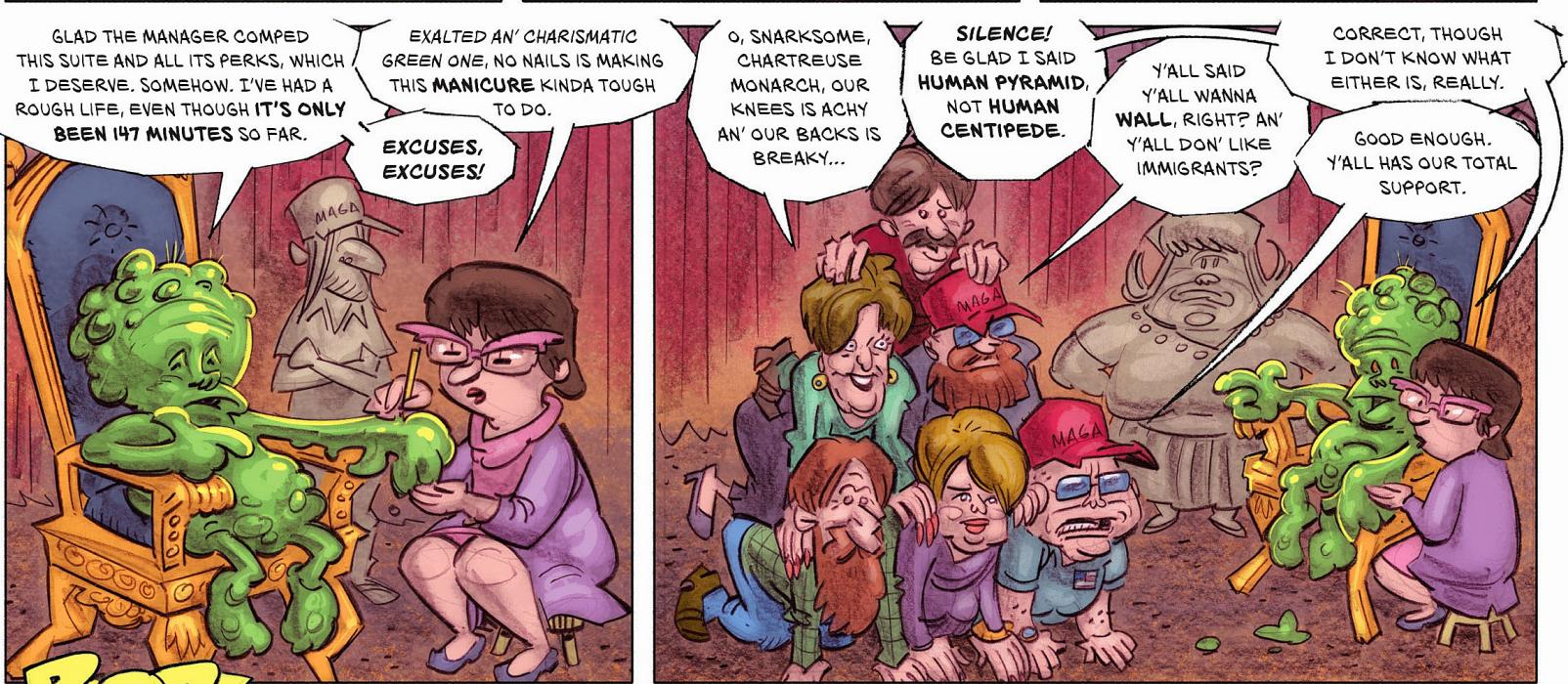
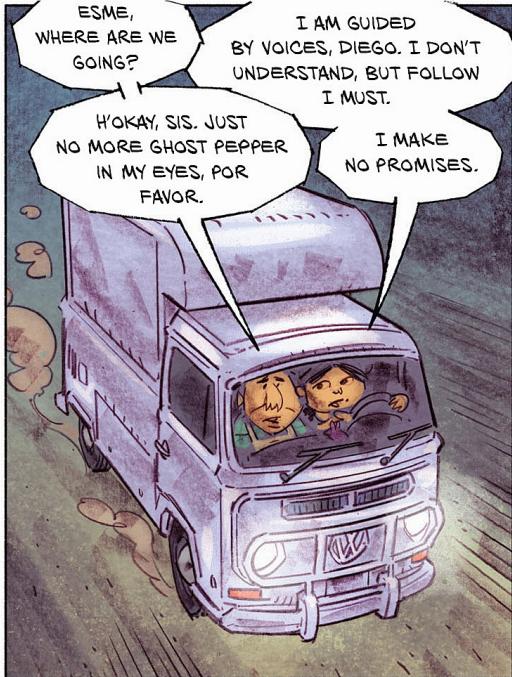
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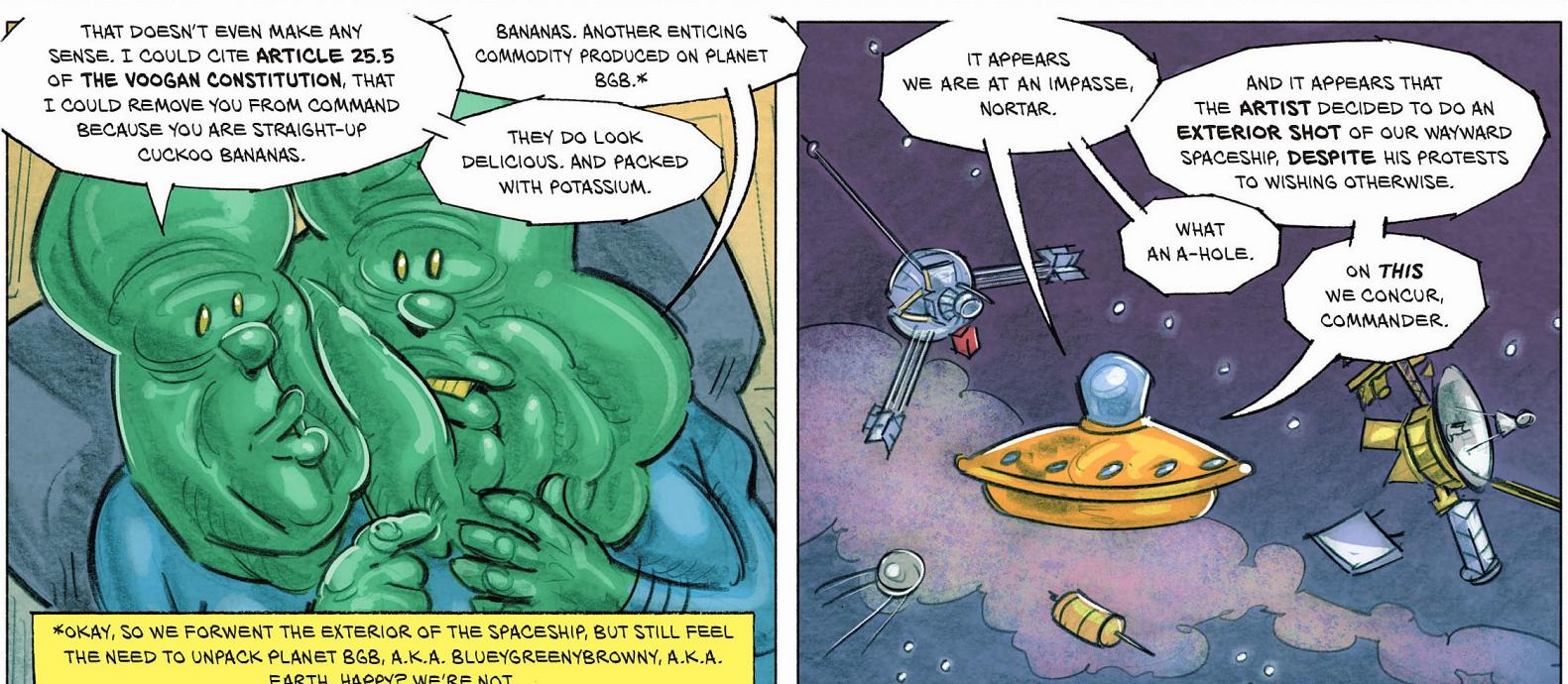
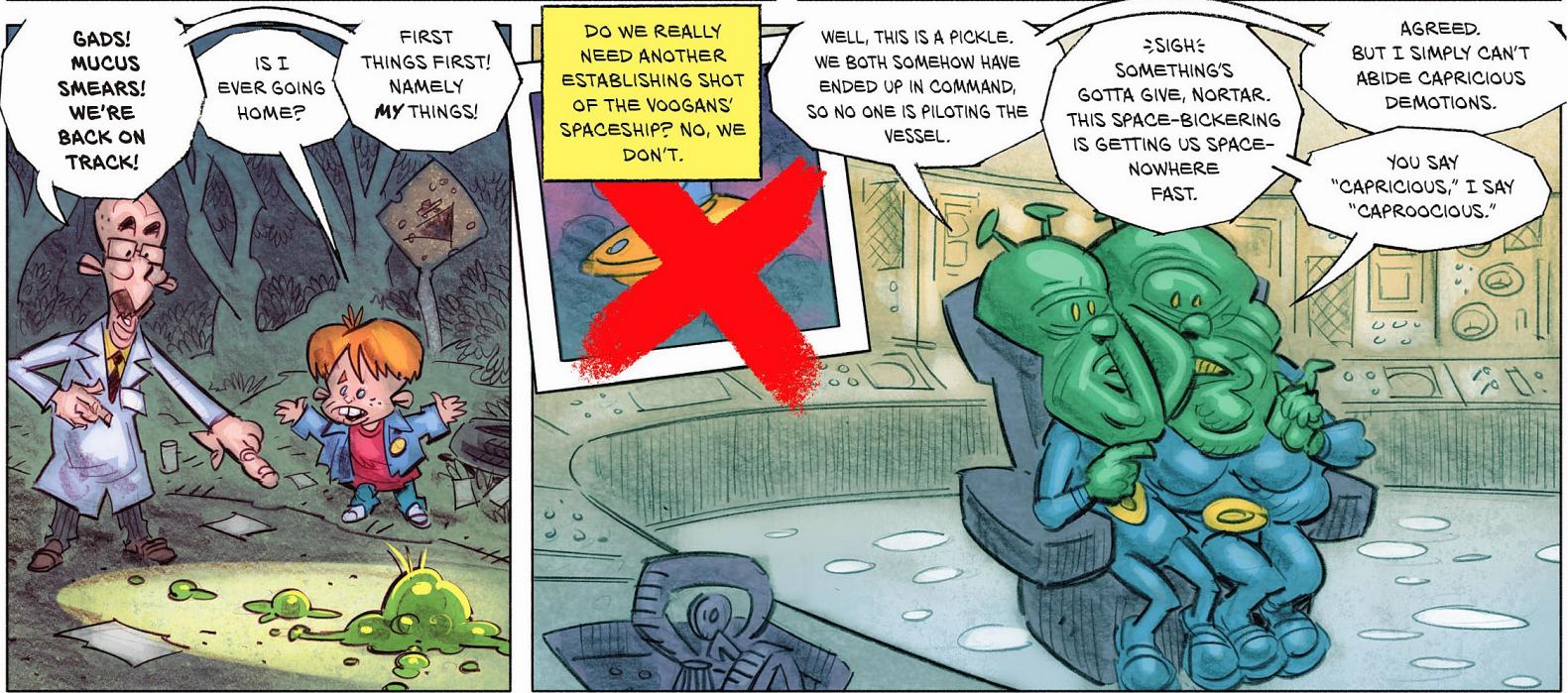
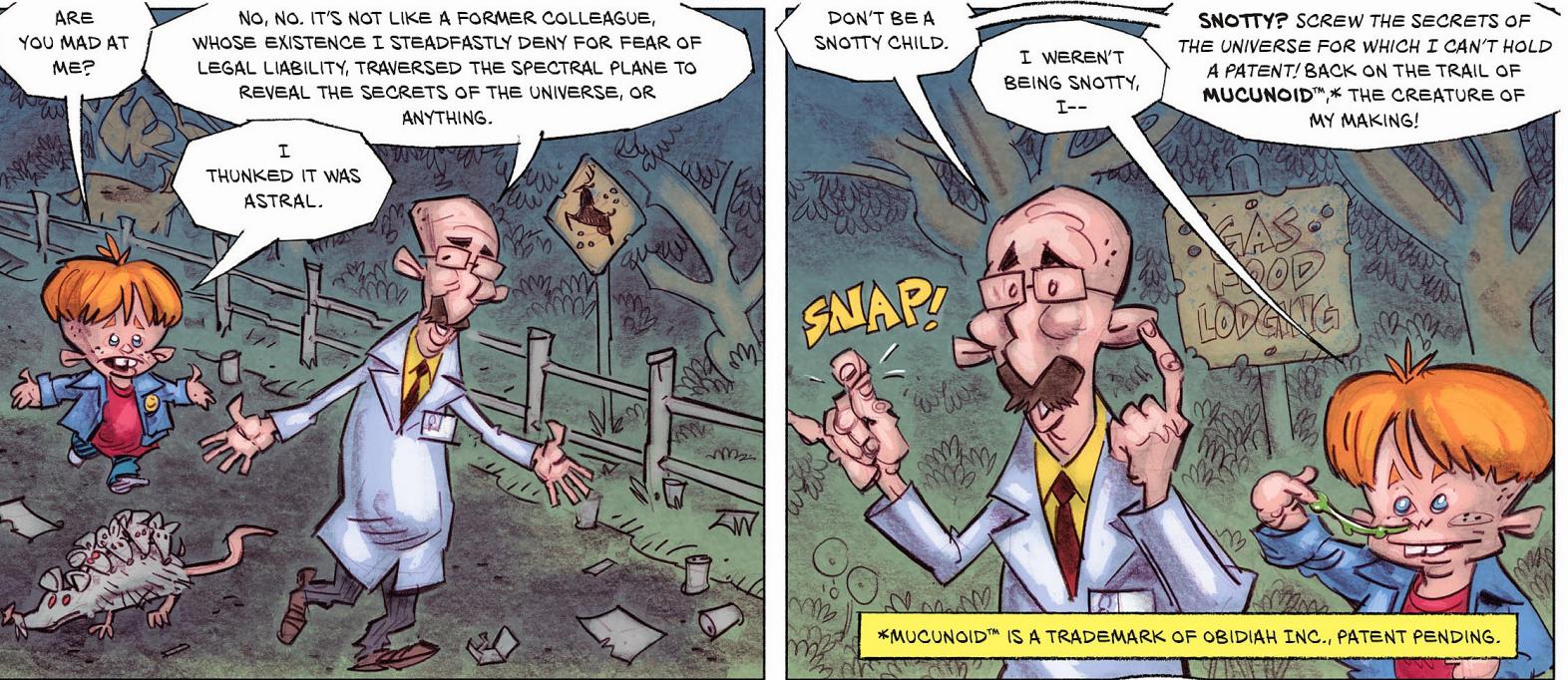


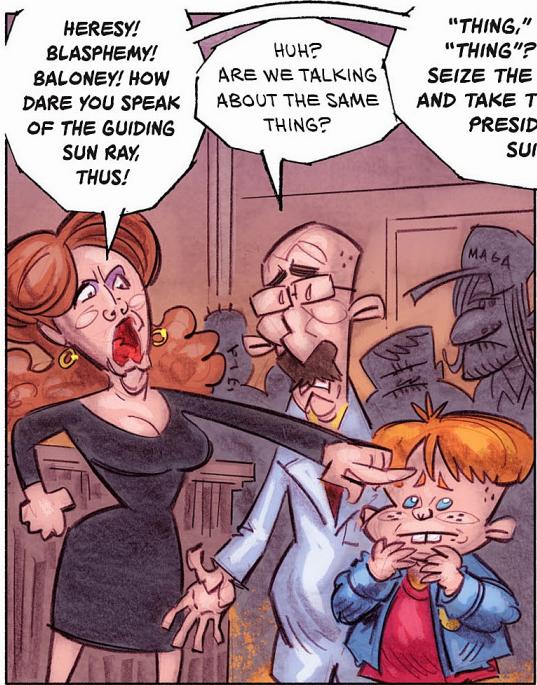
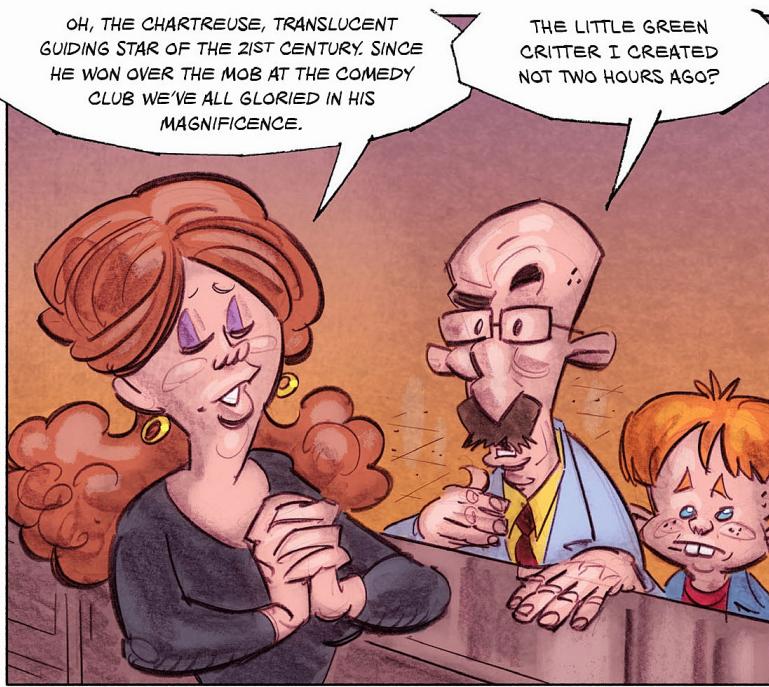
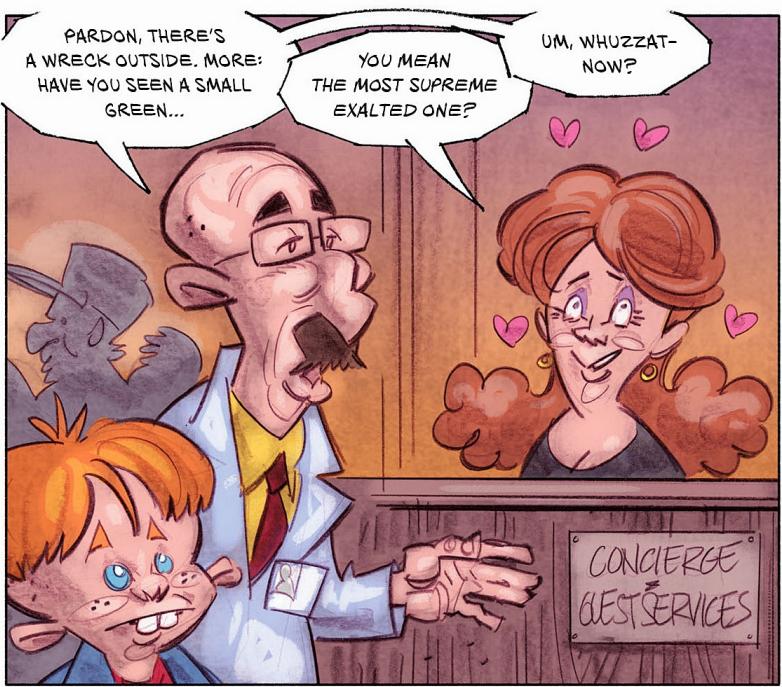
# LUKEY & MUKEY

ABANDONED DURING A FIELD TRIP, YOUNG LUKEY MUENSTER ENLISTED DR. FREDERICK "HOT PEPPER" OBIDIAH TO GET HIM HOME. WHILE STRANDED ON A COUNTRY ROAD, DR. OBIDIAH INADVERTENTLY MENTIONED A FORMER ASSOCIATE NAMED GASPAR, THEN TRIED TO COVER UP HIS GAFFE. MEANWHILE, THE VOOGANS' TRAVEL DYNAMICS DETERIORATED FURTHER AS THEY NEARED EARTH. WE MET ESME AND DIEGO, FOOD TRUCK CHEFS. ESME'S BRAIN HAS BEEN ITCHING AS A RESULT OF INTERSTELLAR PROBING WAVES (FROM GUESS WHO). AND MUKEY HECKLED A STAND-UP COMIC, WHICH WON HIM AN INSTANT CULT. PHEW! THESE RECAPS ARE EXHAUSTING!









NEXT: MUKEY LINI THE SNOTZI?

GOSH, HOPE NOT!



MADE FLESH DAILY DEPT.

According to those annoying TV ads, you can use FLEX TAPE™ to repair tubs, pipes, nuclear reactors—anything! We wondered: Is there a piece strong enough to seal the ad guy's mouth? And speaking of taped body parts, we came up with the amazing...

# FLESH TAPE

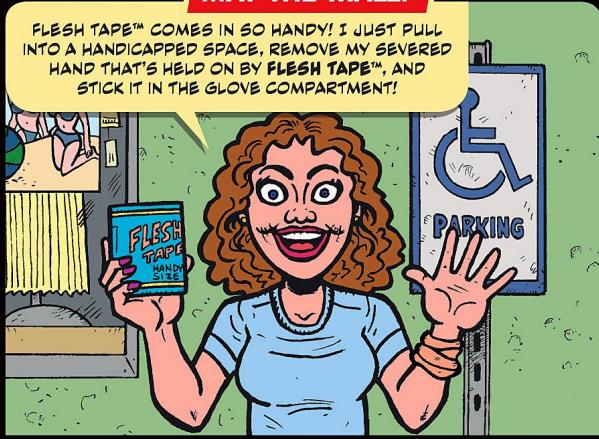
GUARANTEED TO BE  
THE BLOODY BEST

USE IT ON THE SLOPES!

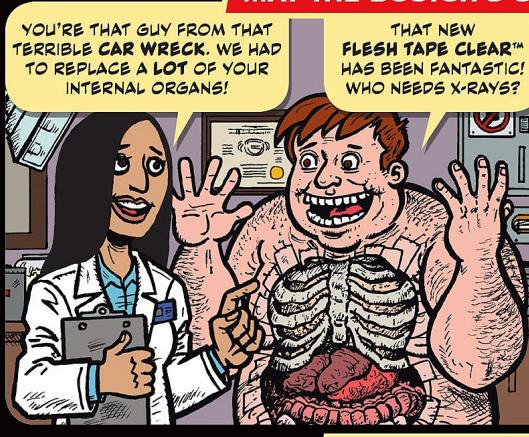
DAMN! I FELL AND BROKE MY LEG! I CAN'T WAIT FOR A DOCTOR! LUCKILY I BROUGHT A ROLL OF FLESH TAPE™, SO I CAN FIX THAT BROKEN LEG MYSELF!

WOW, I DID IT! MY LEG IS FIXED AND NOW I'M GOING TO HEAD BACK TO THE TOP OF THE SLOPE!

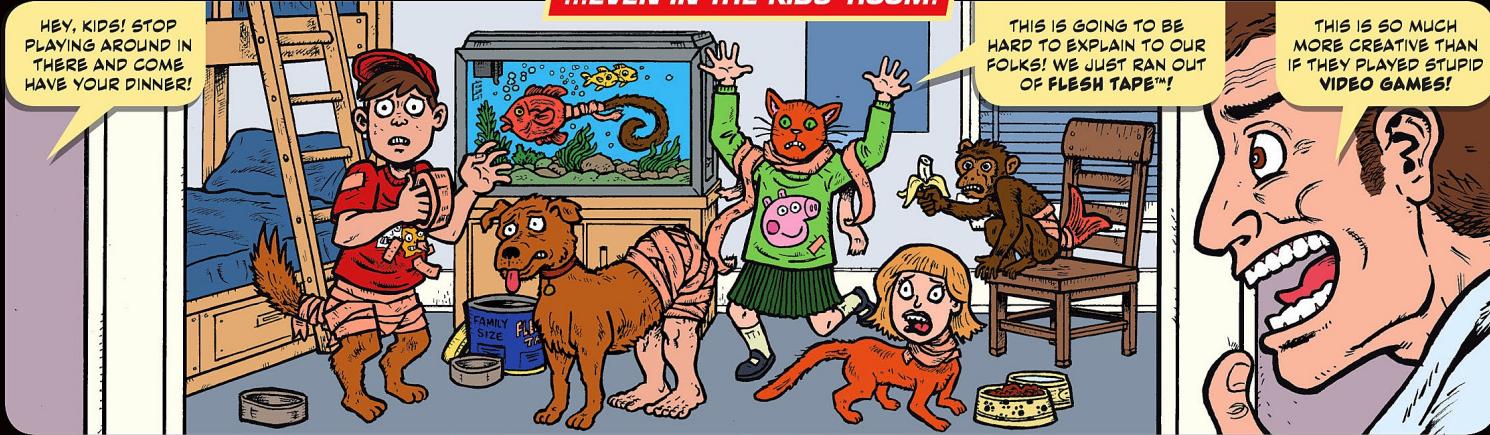
...AT THE MALL!



...AT THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE!

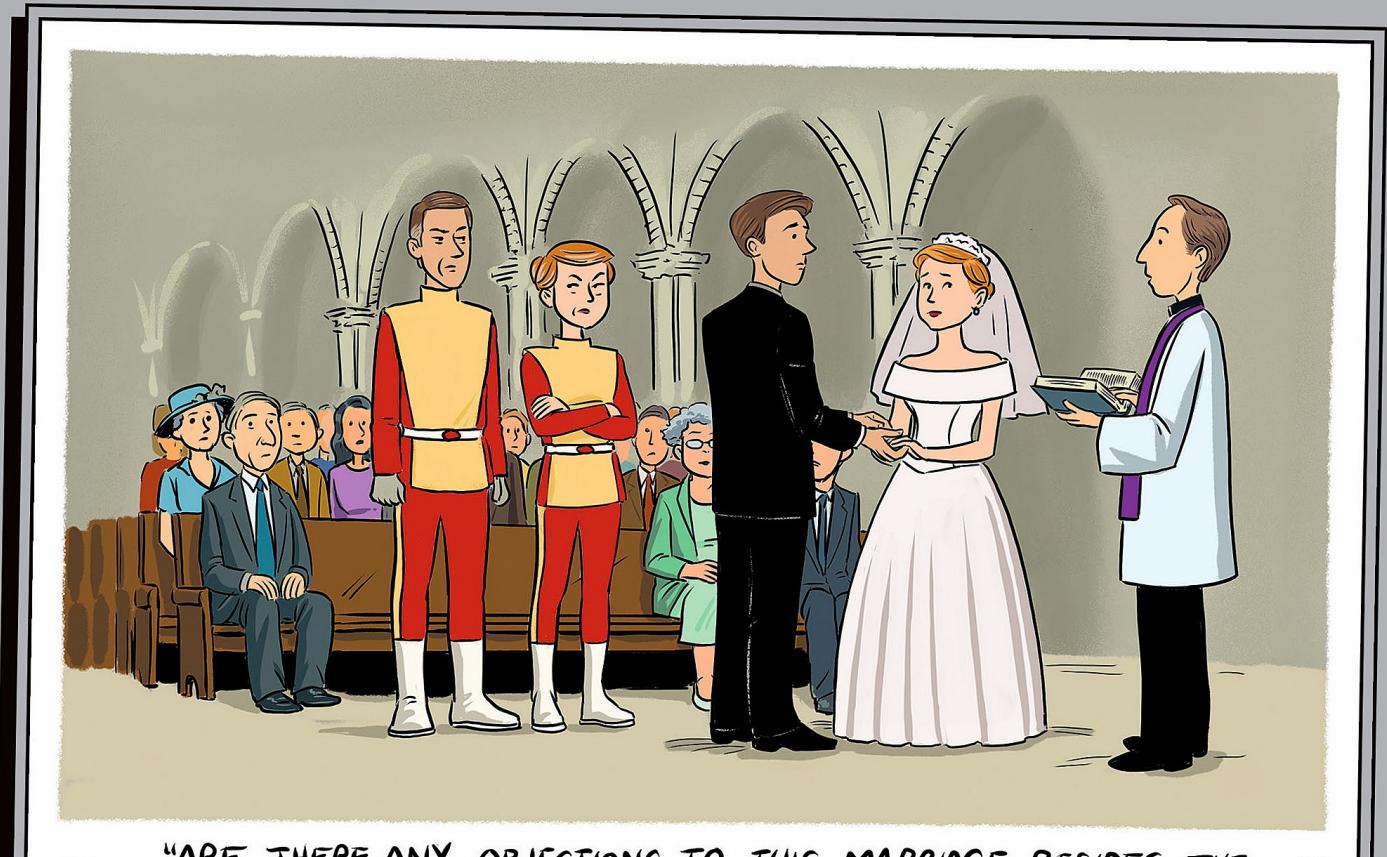
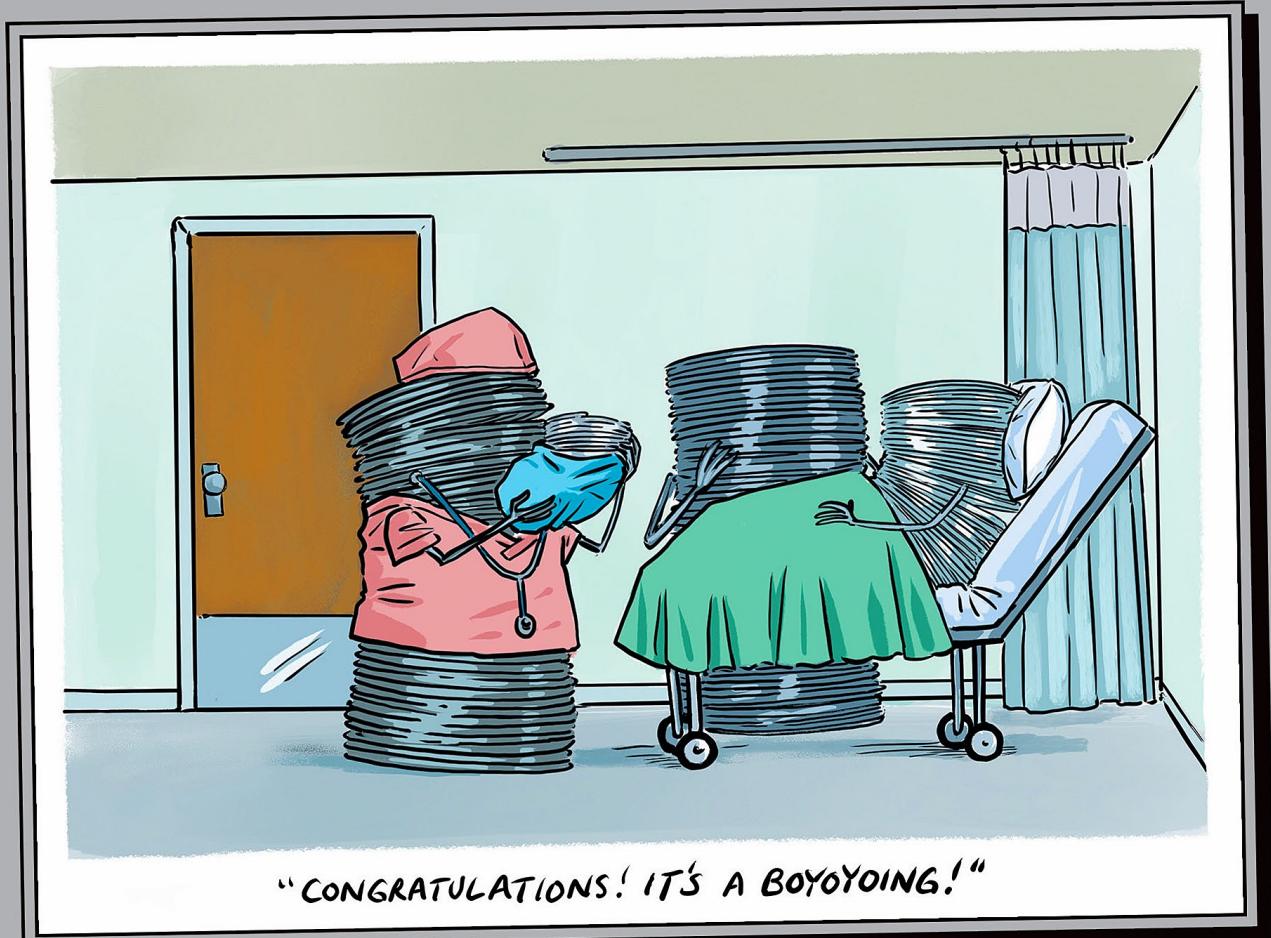


...EVEN IN THE KIDS' ROOM!



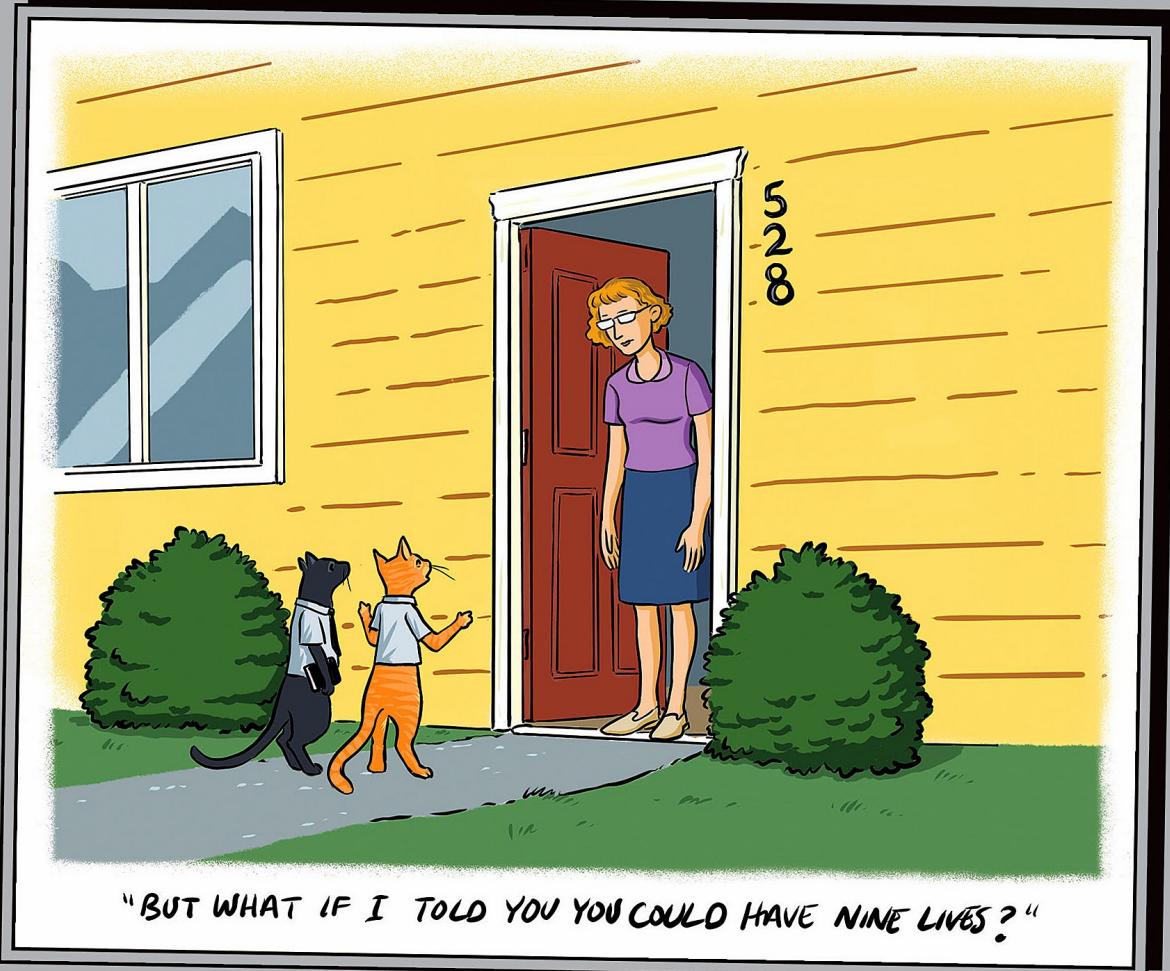


Great comedy should be cutting edge, speak truth to power, and shine a light on hypocrisy, making the world a better place. But we're all outta that, so here are some jokes!



# MeaNWHile...

WRITER IAN BOOTHBY  
ARTIST PIA GUERRA



"Baby changing stations should be outlawed. Babies are fine just the way they are!"



As the old saying goes, "History doesn't repeat itself, but it often rhymes." Perhaps **that's** why "The Super Patriot," a snippet from our epic poem in MAD #129, still holds as much weight **today** as it did in '69. We dusted off the full-length rhapsody, "The MAD Primer of Bigots, Extremists, and Other Loose Ends," and were so inspired we wrote a few new lines for modern times.

# A VERY FINE WALL

There's nothing to see behind this wall!

No pushed agendas, big nor small,

No namesake business undivested,

No mistress large (nor average) chested.

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No tax returns with sketchy numbers,

No private corporate earnings covered,

No profit from lax EPA regulations,

No parent at KKK demonstrations.

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No foreign investments nor cash  
that's dumped there,

No prior conditions now struck  
from Trumpcare,

No shutdowns precluding paychecks  
and food stamps,

No kids sick and dying in detention camps.

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No families legally seeking asylum

As racist beliefs separate  
and profile 'em,

Conflating "illegal" with  
policy allowed

While border space  
irresponsibly overflows.

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And this wall hiding nothing  
works to divide

States called "united" into  
two warring sides—

Both too disabled to  
do all they can

To stop the chaos of  
just one man.



# THE LIGHTER SIDE OF FEAR

WRITER TAMMY GOLDEN ARTIST JON ADAMS

## CLOWNS



## COMMITMENT



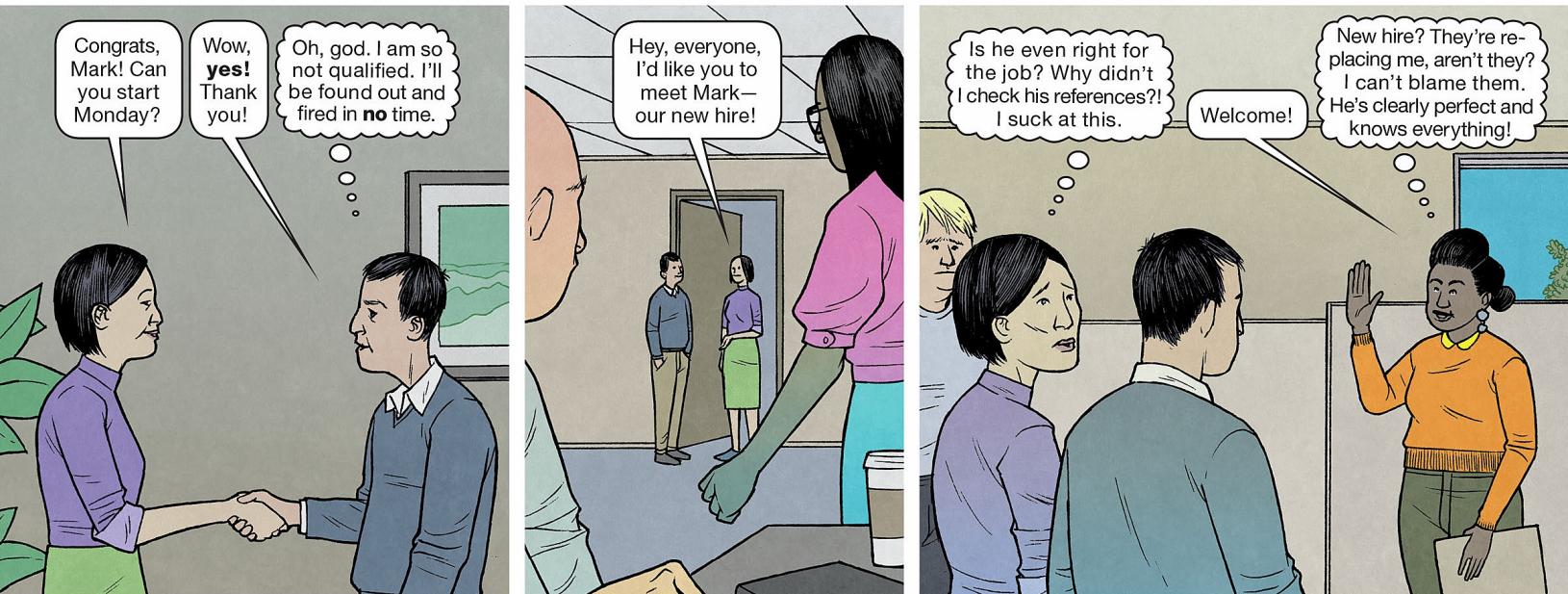
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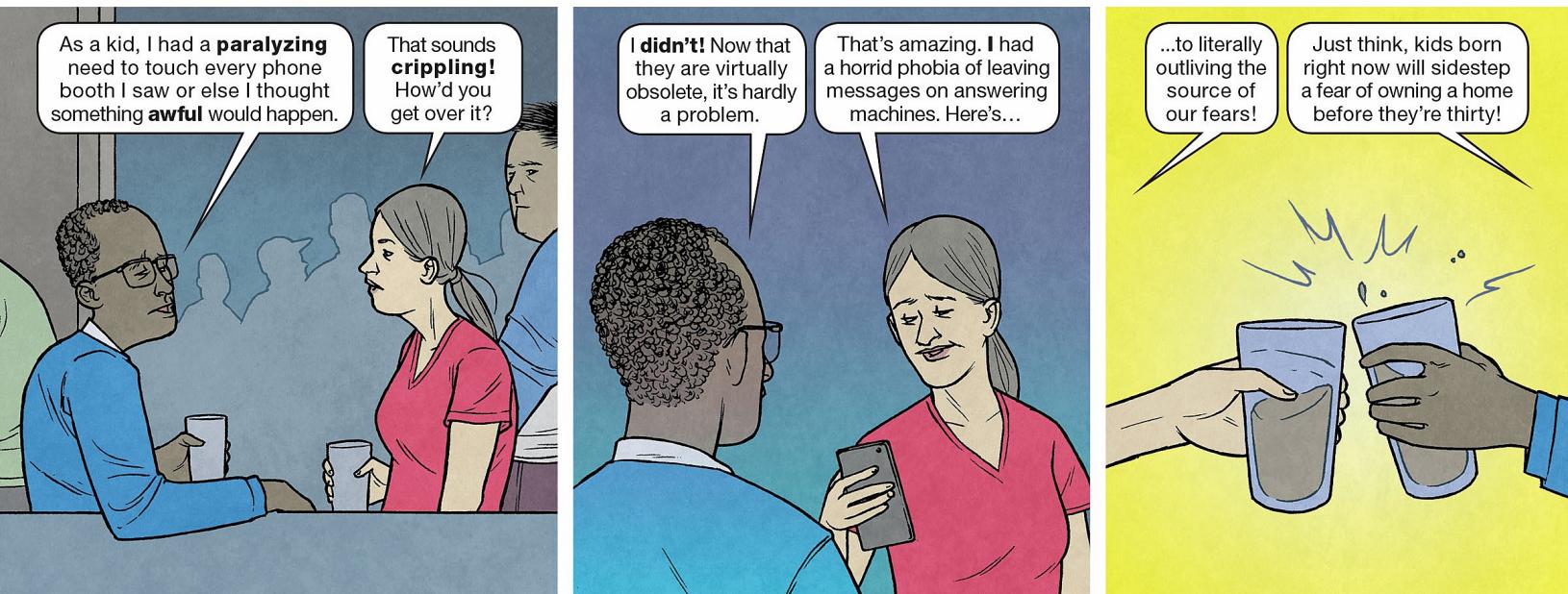
## SNAKES



## IMPOSTER SYNDROME



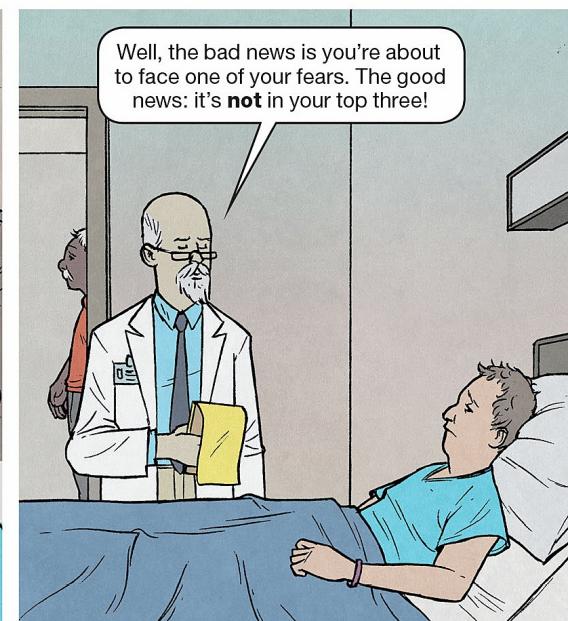
## OBSESSING



## PUBLIC SPEAKING



## LIST



## FLYING





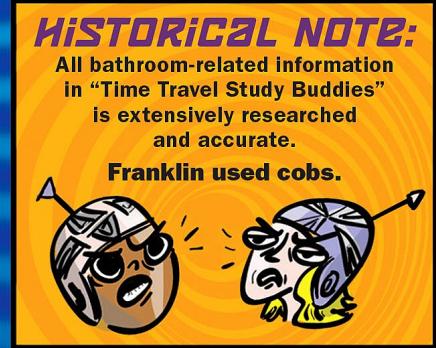
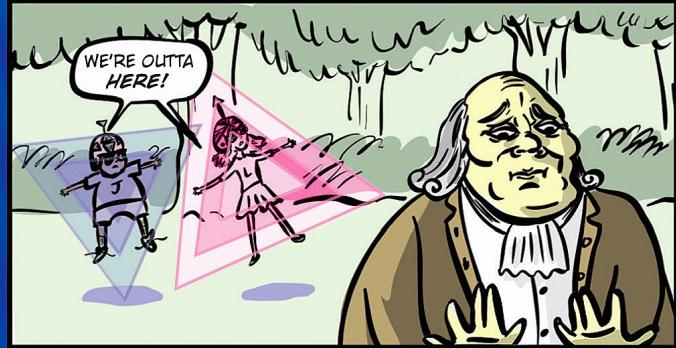
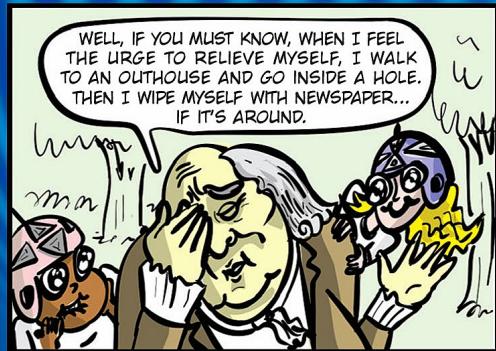
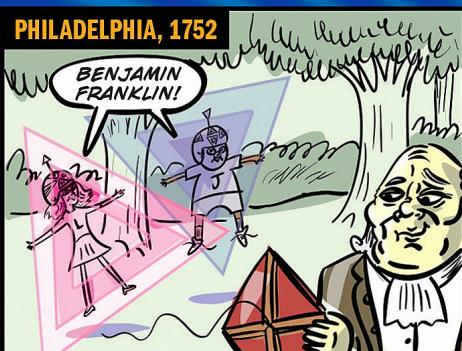
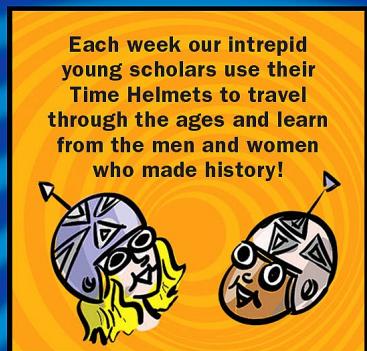
HISTORY MESSIN' DEPT.

# TIME-TRAVEL STUDY BUDDIES

WITH LUCY AND JOSE

WRITERS SIMON RICH & FARLEY KATZ

ARTIST FARLEY KATZ





OVERSIZED FRANCHISE DEPT.

What can you do with a billion dollars and a billion characters? First things first: kill half of them! Okay, done. Now what? We may not have seen it yet, but we already **feel** like we've seen *Avengers: Endgame* a thousand times. With that in mind, allow us to consult our crystal ball with our newest feature...

**MAD PREDICTS**

# AVENJERKS

IS THIS EVER GONNA END-GAME?

I can't believe that I, Irony Man, tried to save the world, but ended up letting the evil alien Th'anus turn **half the universe** to ash, and got trapped here on Titan, millions of miles from home. Mondays, am I right?

Also, my fiancée, packed my lunch and accidentally made me a jade egg salad again!

WRITER IAN BOOTHBY ARTIST GIDEON KENDALL

You think **that's** bad? Try walking in Nebulalala's robot shoes for a day. I can't turn off my Wi-Fi, and all I can pick up are nerds wanting to know how an **infinite war** can have a sequel—never mind an **endgame**!

Someone has got to take Neil deGrasse Tyson's Twitter away from him!

What are we doing here? Our story was 39 pages ago!

When your movie makes over a **billion** dollars, you can show up wherever you want!

Come on, let us into the **film**! We might be able to help!

Yeah, everyone's in this effing thing!

Sorry, Netflix, you're **not** on the list! You neither, Hulu kids!

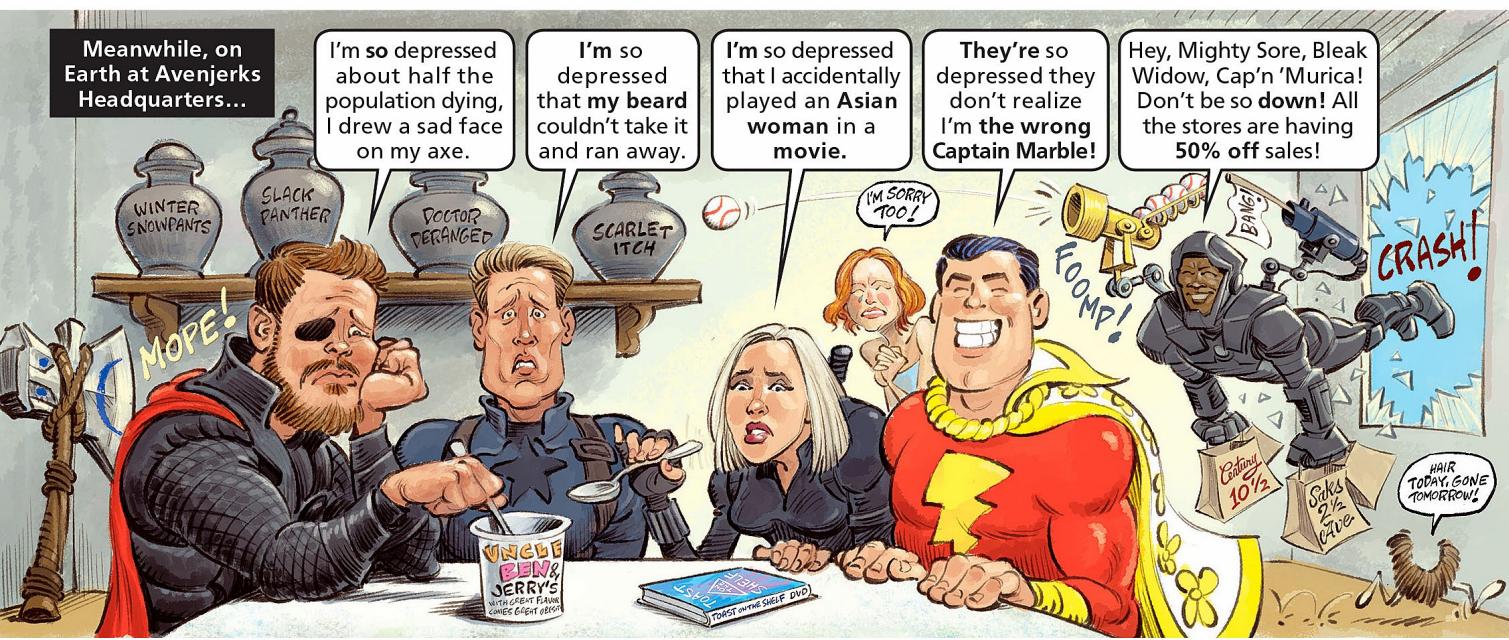
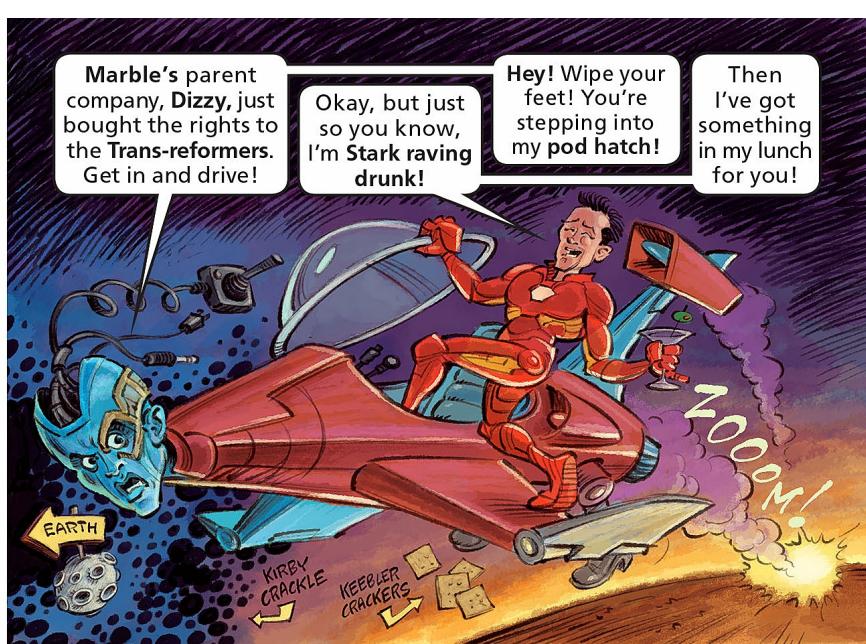
Oh man, I'm supposed to be in another **Spidey-Man** movie this summer! What am I gonna do?

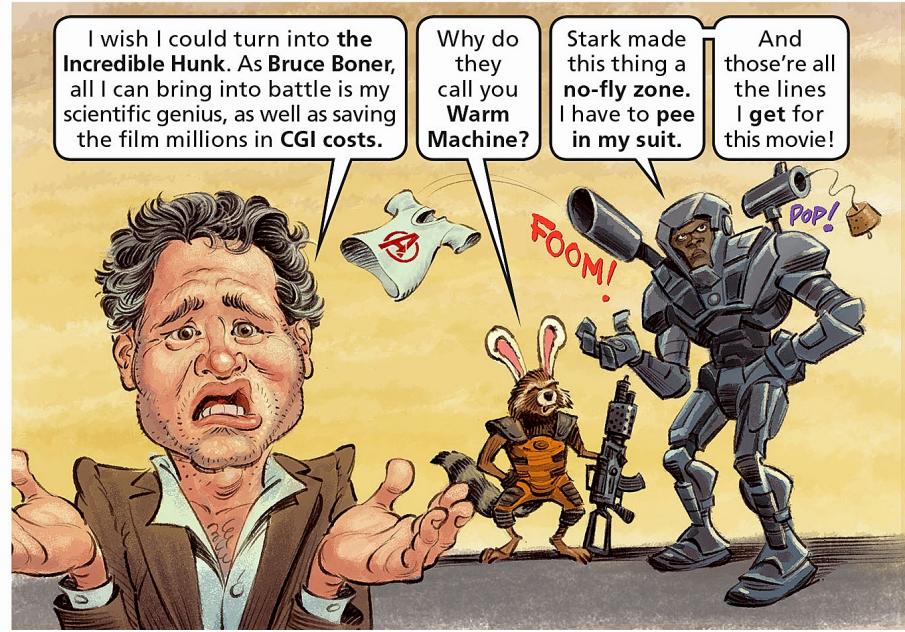
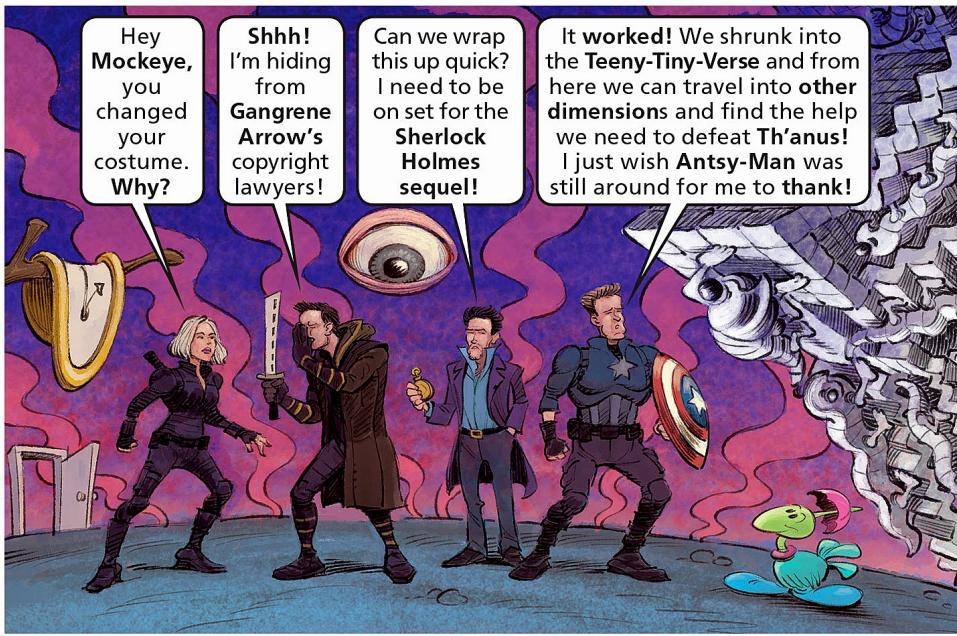
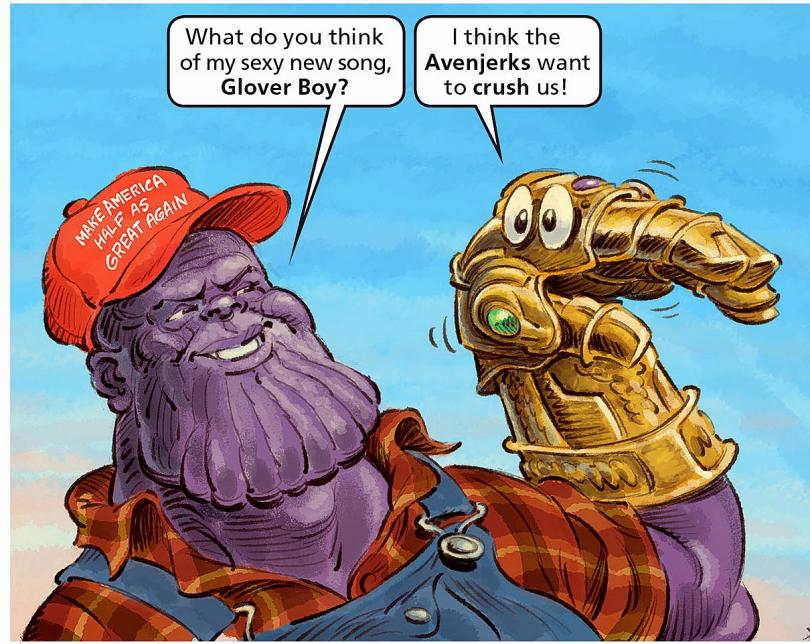
Hey, I'll do it!

I'll do it for free!

I'll do it and let you make me into a sandwich after!



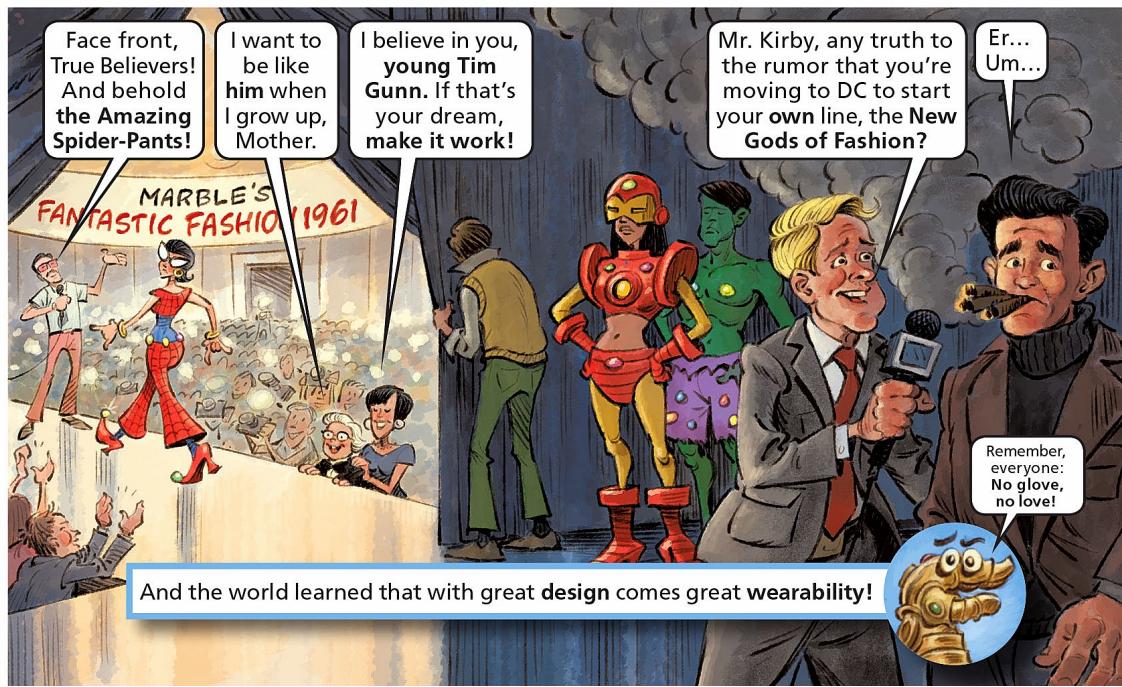
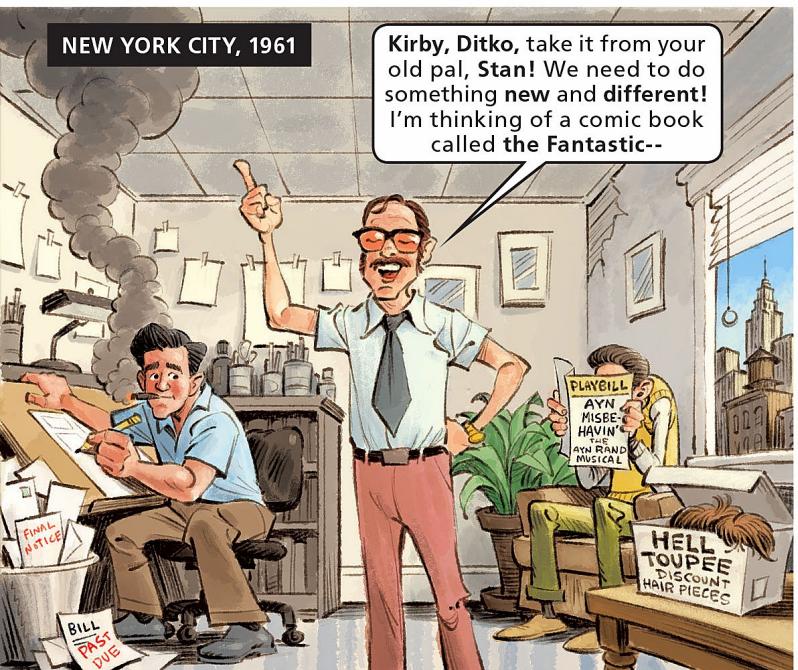
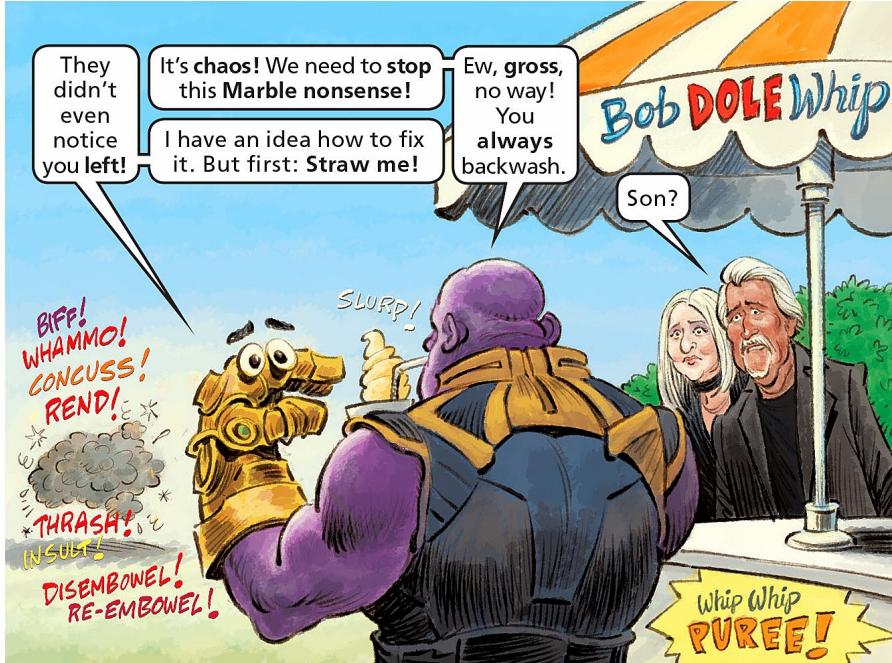
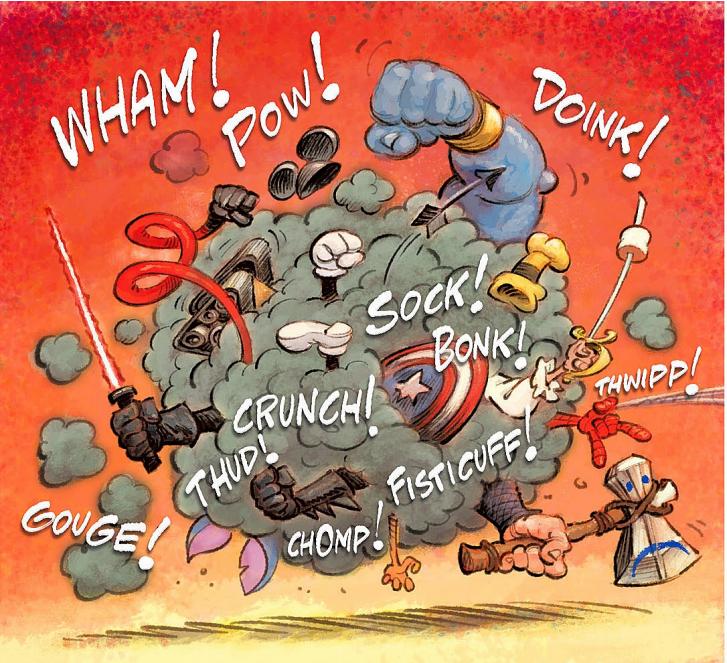






The word "boobs" is so scary until you get to the second "b".







I THINK I CANVAS DEPT.

# THE WISENHEIM MUSEUM

Over its notorious 66-year history, MAD has left its mark on (some might say scarred) generations of creative types! Here in The Wisenheim Museum, we invite those visionaries to pay tribute to (some might say get back at) the magazine that set them on their creative (some might say degenerate) course!

## A SON OF MAD

by DREW FRIEDMAN

Beginning in the late 1950's, the renowned illustrator Frank "Kelly" Freas was hired by MAD to be their cover artist. His vivid cover for the 1959 paperback *Son of MAD* is the first MAD image I remember seeing, and it remains, to this day, my favorite cover. The abject fear in the poor gorilla's face, the terrified-yet-nuanced pose of his body, the curled toes—all as he's encountering the infant Alfred E. Neuman as seen from behind. Pure visual perfection!

The cover is memorable to me for another reason. In the Beatles' first film *A Hard Day's Night*, the character Shake is briefly seen reading *Son of MAD* in the opening train scene. Two towering icons forever converged in that moment, The Beatles and MAD! When I first watched that scene, I was so thrilled my head (almost) exploded.

The moment I discovered that cover at age five, my life changed. From then on, I was a "Son of MAD." Not only did it lead me to becoming an obsessive MAD fan, but it spurred my mission to someday join the "Usual Gang of Idiots," something I later (amazingly) achieved.

Here's my take on that life-altering piece.

Drew Friedman's comics and illustrations have appeared in Raw, Weirdo, Heavy Metal, National Lampoon, Spy, The American Bystander and MAD, among others. A documentary about his work "Vermeer of the Borscht Belt" is currently being made. Friedman is married to K. Bidus and they live in an undisclosed bunker with their beagle, Gunther. You can view more of Drew's amazing artwork at: [drewfriedman.net](http://drewfriedman.net)



SPRING  
ISSUE  
OF  
SALON



# Satan's 666 Commandments

***Thou Shalt Never Use a Turn Signal***

***Thou Shalt Not Vote in Midterms***

***Thou Shalt Microwave Fish in Office Kitchens***

***Thou Shalt Feed Bacon to Vegans***

***Thou Shalt Throw Thy Birthday Party on a Weeknight***

***Thou Shalt Line up at Thy Airport Gate  
Before Thy Group Is Called***

***Thou Shalt Join the Church of Scientology***

***Thou Shalt Gaslight People Trying to Love Thee***

***Thou Shalt Run for President on a Platform of Racism  
Solely for Personal Gain***

***Thou Shalt Marry Thy Adopted Daughter***

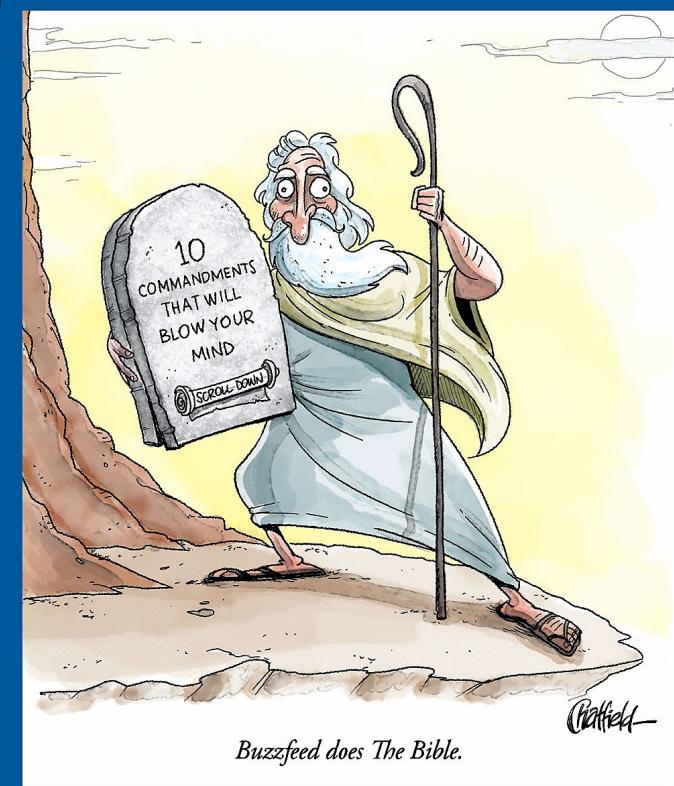
***Thou Shalt Use False Pretenses to Date Women***

***Thou Shalt Always Victim Blame***

***Thou Shalt Produce a  
Known Abuser's Next Film***

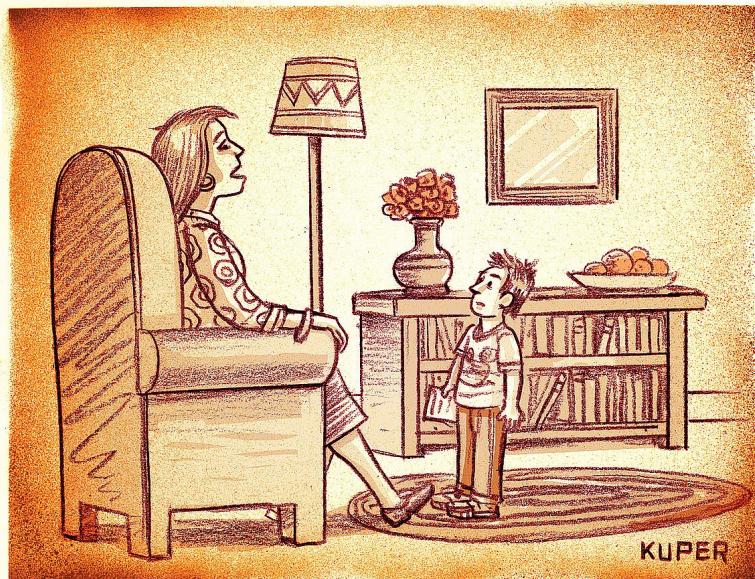
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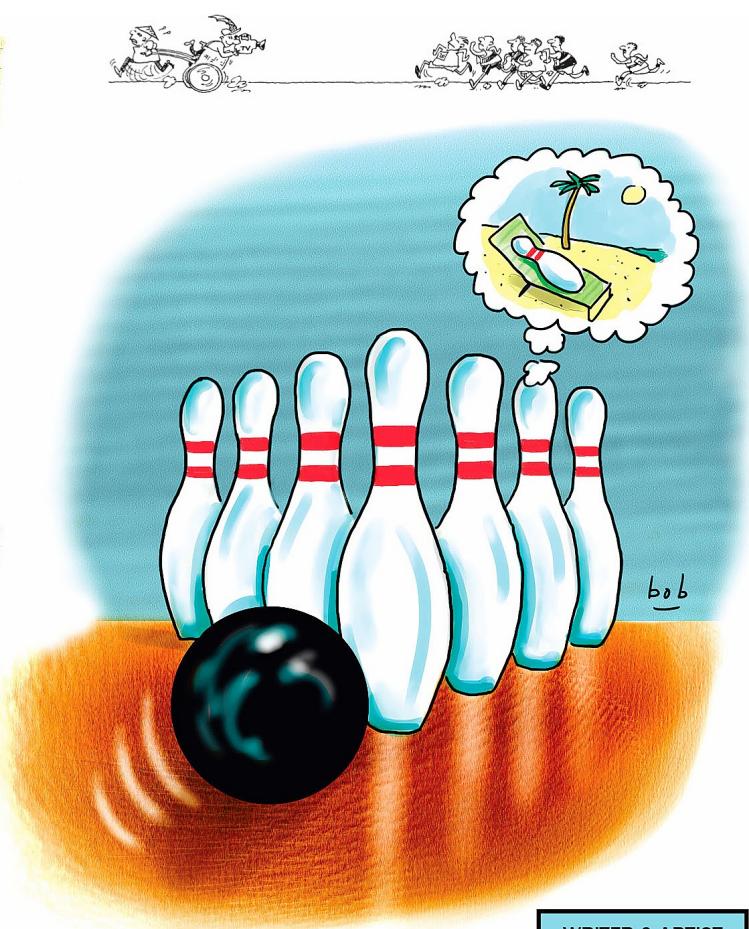
Buzzfeed does The Bible.

WRITER & ARTIST JASON CHATFIELD



"Double-check that with Daddy--  
Mommy's microdose just kicked in."

WRITER & ARTIST PETER KUPER



WRITER & ARTIST  
BOB ECKSTEIN

# PROM TIPS FOR THE SOCIALLY AWKWARD

Don't procrastinate! Ask your date to confirm their availability no later than the 3rd grade.



Worried about making eye contact with your date?  
With a big enough corsage, you won't have to!



WRITER KENNY KEIL  
ARTIST A PERSON

Bored? Smuggle in some "party enhancers" to use when the chaperones aren't looking, such as *Stratego* or *Magic: The Gathering*.



Be sure to invest in some really nice shoes, since you'll be staring at them all night.



If you're worried about your deodorant not making it through the night, grab one of those Yankee Candles your mom keeps in the bathroom.



Scared to dance in public? Politely request that the DJ play an audiobook instead.



# STAMPS WE'D LIKE TO SEE

## NOTHING LASTS FOREVER

Being left at the altar is no excuse to leave Aunt Pattie waiting for a thank you card! Your marriage might be over, but you'll love these stamps till death do you part.



## VINTAGE BIG TOP UH-OH'S

Step right up! We've got the best never-before-seen circus moments right here!



## NOT-SO-HOT RODS

Once the envy of every driver on the road, this rusted-out death trap is now home to a family of raccoons!



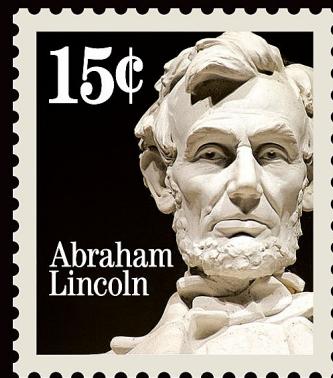
## JUST EMAIL ME!

It's 2019 and nan still doesn't have email. Drop a hint that you'd like her to join this century with this tastefully passive-aggressive statement.



## SALUTE TO LOWER POSTAGE

For the low, low price of \$45.95, be whisked back to a time when stamps were 15 cents!



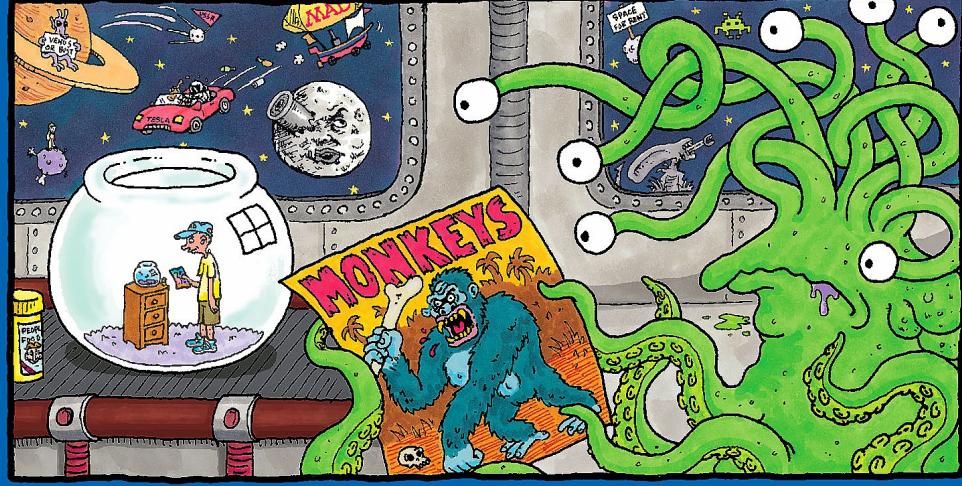
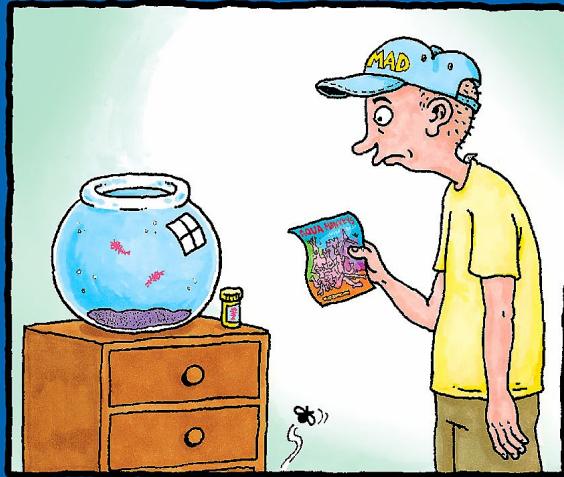
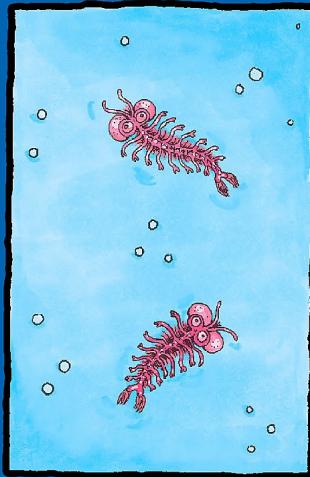
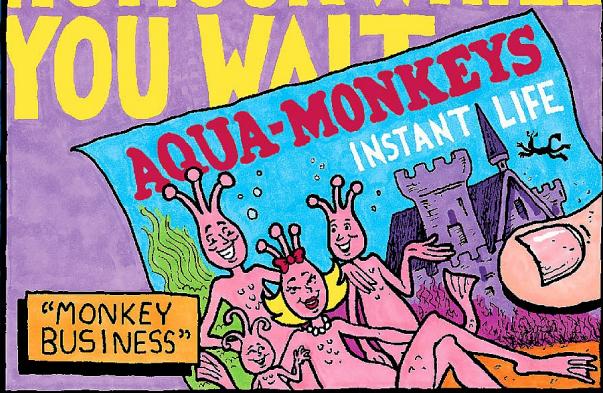
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Tell friends and family across the world, "Hey, we're all in this together."



WRITER JEFF KRUSE  
ARTIST SARAH CHALEK

## HUMOUR WHILE YOU WAIT



WRITER & ARTIST KYLE BRIDGETT



# THE BAD ROOMMATE

WRITER ARIE KAPLAN

ARTIST DAVID DEGRAND

Hey, you're back! Welcome to the rave!

Can you wake me up if I sleep through my 4am alarm?

I HATE YOU! I HATE YOU! I HATE YOU! Oooof. Okay. Aura cleansed.

Do you want me to die of dehydration? Then give me the shower for the next three days.

Your boyfriend came by and I told him it's over. You're too good for him.

Let me know if you find my Diva Cup? Last time I saw it, it was full.

You should thank me. Those books I KonMaried were a fire hazard.

That stain on the couch? Hmm. I'm gonna say...Nutella.

Wear boots. My solution to the rodent problem escaped...

I got a job interview! Can you pee in this for me?





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I've been reading MAD for over 50 years, and know that MAD strives for accuracy and truth.

I was surprised, therefore, to see two glaring errors on the cover of the Feb. 2019 issue, No. 5.

Donald Trump is shown with a much flatter abdomen and much larger bulge in his underpants than the public knows to be real. Is this your attempt to put him in a better light, or was it an oversight?

**Mark Lindahl,  
Des Moines, IA**

**Snarky Mark**—Hey, that's our president you're talking about! Did you also notice his perfectly proportionate (if not slightly large) hands? Our Dear Leader is an ideal physical specimen who is beyond reproach, much like his contemporaries in North Korea and Mother Russia. He is also smart, brave, honest, merciful, and tenacious, and you should be very careful about criticizing him, because he is literally 50 feet tall.

## SAY "UNCLE"! ZAK WARD'S IN-OFFICE VISIT

I grew up treating my big brother like he farted gold. (He didn't, but he did light them on fire, which was better than 70's TV). He was my hero and he read MAD Magazine. Of course, he wouldn't let me read his copies until he'd finished. Only then was I allowed to touch the treasured remains.

In the summer of '75, there was no greater joy than reading over his shoulder, laughing at Sergio Aragonés cartoons or "oooh"ing over the Fold-Ins while slurping Freezies or making a mess out of a Choco Taco. It's because of him, Carson Thaddeus Foster, that I fell in love with MAD and became an actor. (He argued with our Mom about it and won.)

So when MAD spoofed "A Christmas Story" and turned Scut Farkus into Snot Carcass...the holy grail of brilliantly idiotic, sublime stupidity dubbed us worthy of their sacred pages! Bro, WE MADE IT! One of the greatest experiences in my life is to be included in these pages as the lovable bully jerk I am, and I share it with my big, goofy-goombah of an older brother.

Thank you, MAD. Thanks, Carson. (Now, light those farts!)

**Zack Ward, Los Angeles**

We will, Zack. We will. —AT

—Alex Taffer,  
MAD Intern and  
Chief Letter Answerer





## ENVELOPE OF THE MONTH

This issue's Envelope of the Month comes from **Hannah Sabata** in York, Nebraska! \*Wolf whistle\* That looker in pink has us turning red! We can't put our finger on it, but there's something about that smile that drives us MAD!

## A TRANSATLANTIC TRANSFER On a recent trip to Hungary,

I had a layover at the Warsaw airport in Poland. After reading your fine mag there, I left it in a prominent spot for other fools to read. So, if you start getting subscriptions from that part of the world, you can blame me.

**Steve Bertolo, Dayton, OH**

**Sneaky Steve**—Warsaw has always been number one on our list of cities for increasing MAD's international circulation. In fact, we booked flights to hand-deliver a few issues, but instead of Poland, we wound up in Warsaw, Missouri. When we arrived, we realized we forgot to pack any issues, so we had nothing to share with either Warsaw, regardless! You may have done some of your part by sharing MAD with the Poles, but now you must take MAD to the Missourians. —AT

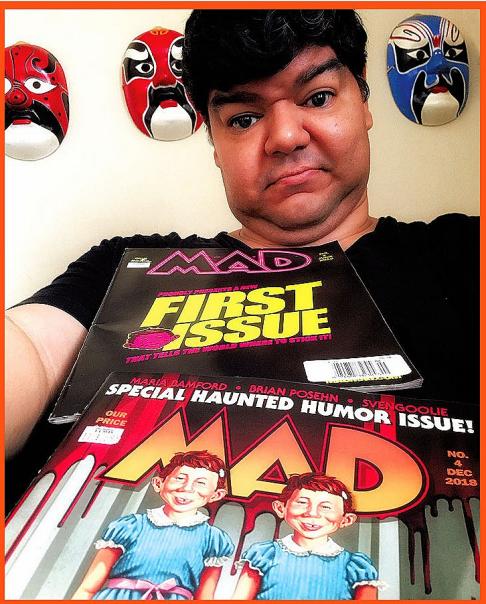


## ALFRED LOOK- ALIKE

This issue's look-a-like comes courtesy of

**Allie  
"Neuman"  
Goertz**

who, to the concern of her team, came to work dressed like this out of nowhere. When asked about the getup, she replied, "I wish I knew about tooth paint before I pulled his sucker out!" Fortunately, MAD offers a competitive dental plan!



Greetings from Panama! I'm **Nelson Hernández**. I am a great admirer, reader, and fan of your magazine! I just got the latest issue today! I'm also a MAD collector, though it's sometimes difficult to have items sent in the mail to Panama. My favorite characters are the spies in "Spy Vs. Spy."

**Con mis atentos saludos,  
Nelson Hernández, Panama**

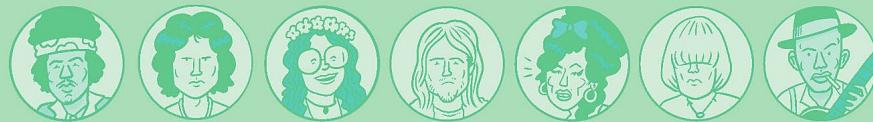
**Notorio Nelson**—¡Qué maravilloso que leas la revista MAD en Panamá! Queremos abrir las oficinas sudamericanas de MAD, pero hemos encontrado un problema. Nuestro presidente, el Sr. Trump, ama tanto a MAD que está construyendo un muro para mantenerse MAD para sí mismo. También hemos sospechado que se convirtió en presidente solo para controlar la oficina de correos y, por lo tanto, todos los envíos de recuerdos de "Spy vs. Spy." Algunos dicen que es un hombre muy egoísta, pero lo entendemos. —AT

## A PARODY UNIVERSE

To the editors and creators of MAD Magazine, I really enjoy the content you guys make. I look forward to getting a new magazine every month. I really think you should make a comic about *Rick and Morty*, and share your opinions on the show.

**Thanks, Tanner Colatosti, via email**

**Fleeb Cola**—Oh, you didn't know? You're actually living in a MAD parody of *Rick and Morty*. Someone is playing the Roy VR game, and right now Roy is playing a game called Tanner. This was all explained in an Easter egg hidden in *Morty's Mind Blowers Part 6*, but maybe you...grruk...missed it! PS: This is all also inside a Zygirion simulation, of course. PPS: EVERY month? We'd love to live in the timeline where we're monthly! —AT



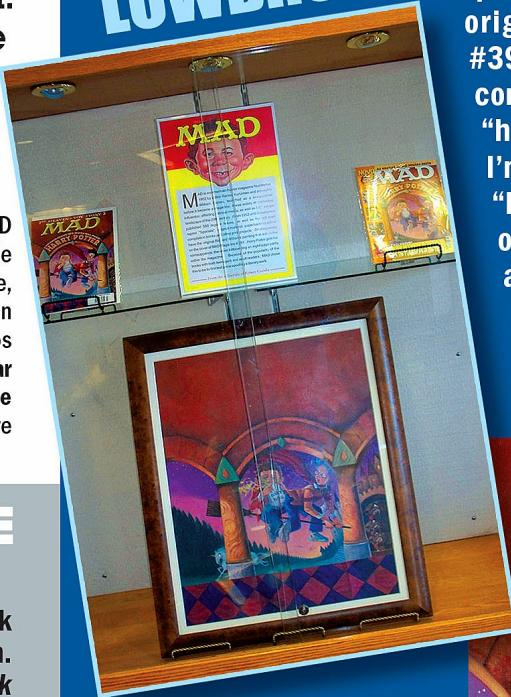
## REMEMBERS ONLY CLUB

Really enjoyed "It's a Wonderful Death" (Feb. '19 issue). There were many members of the 27 Club. Another was Grateful Dead keyboardist Ron "Pigpen" McKernan (1945-73). He lived 27 years and six months. I've always enjoyed MAD, but especially liked it about 35 or 40 years ago. All the great artists: Woodbridge, Clarke, Berg, to name but a few. I understand Jack Davis died last year; I'll certainly never forget him.

**Sincerely, Gary Kerns, via email**

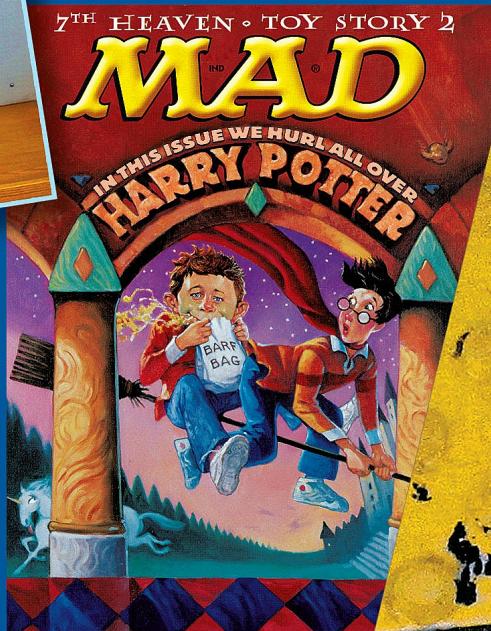
**Groovin' Gary**—It's true Jack Davis joined the **91 Club** a few years back, and is fondly remembered. Be on the lookout for our forthcoming comic, "**The 28 Club**," starring popular music's Tim Buckley, Avicii, and the Big Bopper. And if you haven't read it already, please check out "**The 26 Club**," featuring Otis Redding, Gram Parsons, Nick Drake, and Mac Miller. (Apparently women are only allowed in the 27 Club.) —AT

## ACCIO LOWBROW!



Dear MAD,  
For the month of December '18 at the Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library, I put on display the Richard Williams original cover painting from MAD #391, in which Harry Potter gets his comeuppance. Instead of the usual "highbrow" displays at the library, I'm glad that, for once, they went "lowbrow" by displaying a painting of Alfred E. Neuman vomiting into a BARF BAG.

**Robert Cariola  
Plainview, NY**



### Reference Section Robert—

We are pleased to inform you that you have been accepted to the letters portion of MAD! We await your owl. (He was supposed to deliver our food hours ago. What gives?!) While many look down on "lowbrow" comedy, you understand that it's humor for the sophisticated! After all, we're featured in your library! —AT

Each day we receive dozens of letters ranging from "barely legible" to "we should report this to the proper authorities." And though most are doomed to be fed into the MAD intern's shredder, occasionally we stumble upon a perfect candidate for...

# THE MADIFESTO.

Dear MAD,

When, pray tell, did your rag become so rough on guys? Has having so many female editors made you forget that not all men are bad? Take me, for instance. I'm such an ally that I'm willing to admit it's possible that, in throwing a tantrum about it, I was almost as bad as the pregnant lady who stole my seat on the subway.

Let's go over my case:

- I was there first. (That was my sweat on the seat.)
- My feet hurt! (I haven't replaced my Nike socks since cutting off the logo.)
- She wasn't that pregnant. (Late second trimester, tops!)

I remember how attacked I felt when she asked, with pseudo-deference, "May I please take your seat?" Yes, MY seat. I can't tell you how quickly "Gone Girl" flashed before my eyes. Putting aside my hurt feelings, I helpfully explained that at this stage of pregnancy, she ought to be capable of standing. "It's 2019," I explained, "and you're so much stronger than you realize."

What happened next is a bit of a blur, but I know my crying was justified. "Have you no empathy?" I asked, as some of the seat thief's cronies carried me away. Though, the more I think about it, I wonder whether slapping myself repeatedly in the face while shrieking "THIS IS HOW YOUR DISRESPECT FEELS!" was the right move. While accurate and evocative, it did not foster a constructive dialogue.

And in retrospect, one might credibly argue that I needn't have written and recorded the original rap-rock single "Pregnant Princess Needs a Seat (Give Me a Goddamn Break)" while on the train, nor handed out download cards to all the passengers. Even if I WAS determined to record the song, maybe it shouldn't have had so many curses, or wished scurvy upon her unborn child—who did not himself steal my seat, and is not responsible for his mother's misdeeds.

With the benefit of hindsight, I can acknowledge that my reaction may have been disproportionate, and I am willing to humbly ask forgiveness for my behavior, if the pregnant woman who stole my seat apologizes first.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Melvin Roger Allen  
Psychology Professor  
New York, NY

Sometimes it's not enough for us to have your fan mail—we also want your SOUL. Well, we finally figured out a way to take that from you: Just send us a true story about something STUPID you actually did, and acclaimed cartoonist **Mike Holmes** might make it into a comic strip! It's...

# REAL, DUMB



This issue's story submitted by **Tom Salemme**.

**Have a real, dumb story that happened to you? Want to share your shame with the world by having it illustrated in MAD? Write it up and send it to [realdumb@madmagazine.com](mailto:realdumb@madmagazine.com)! If it's dumb enough, we'll make it into a comic!**

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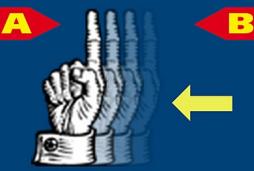
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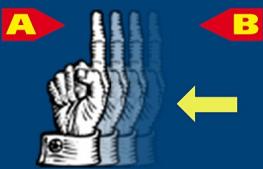
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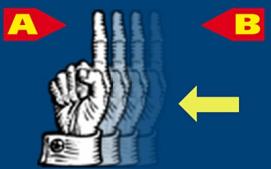
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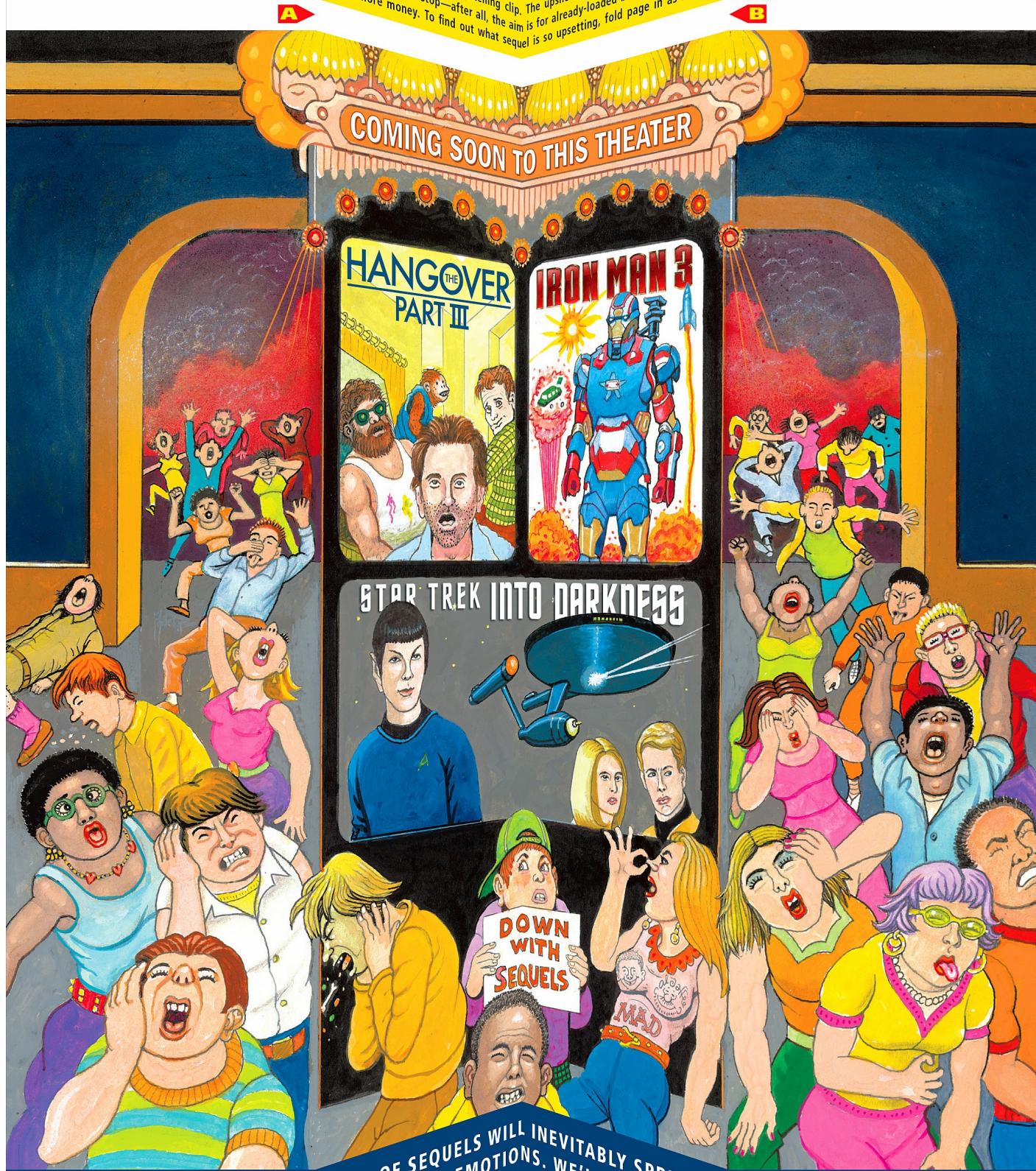
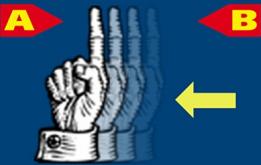
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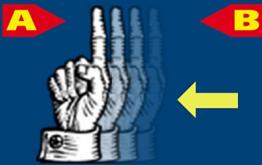
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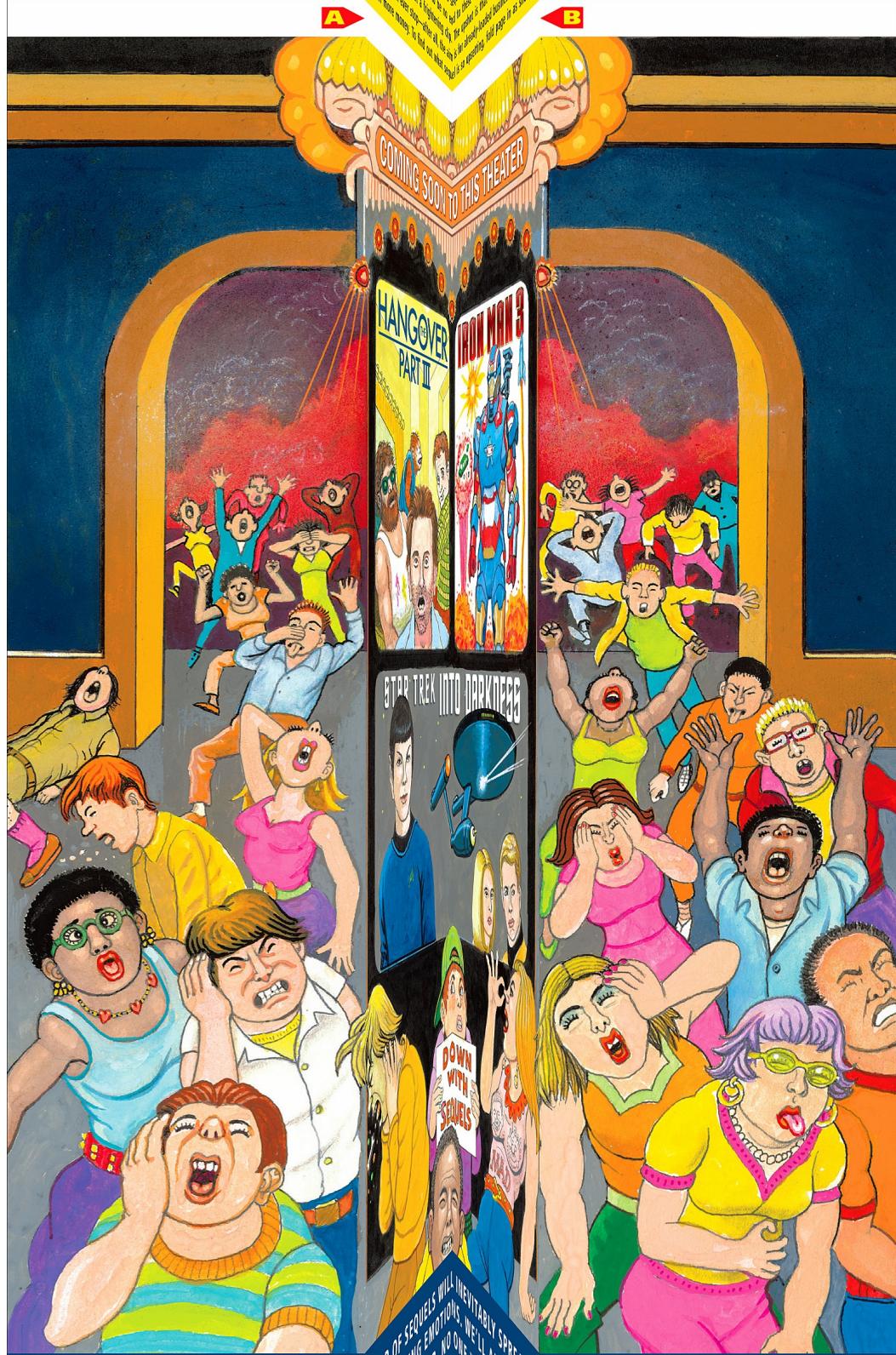
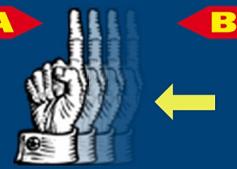
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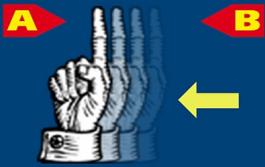
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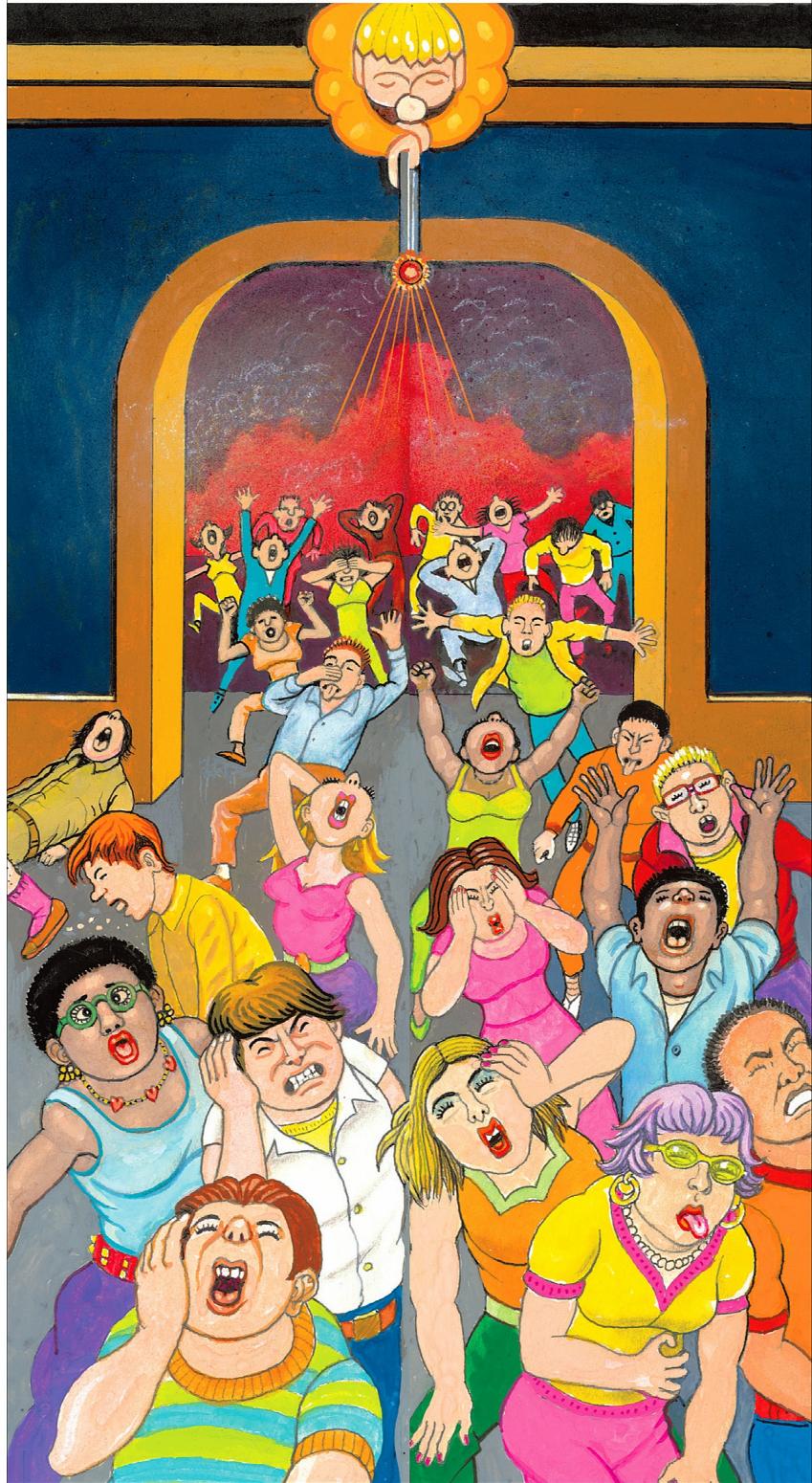
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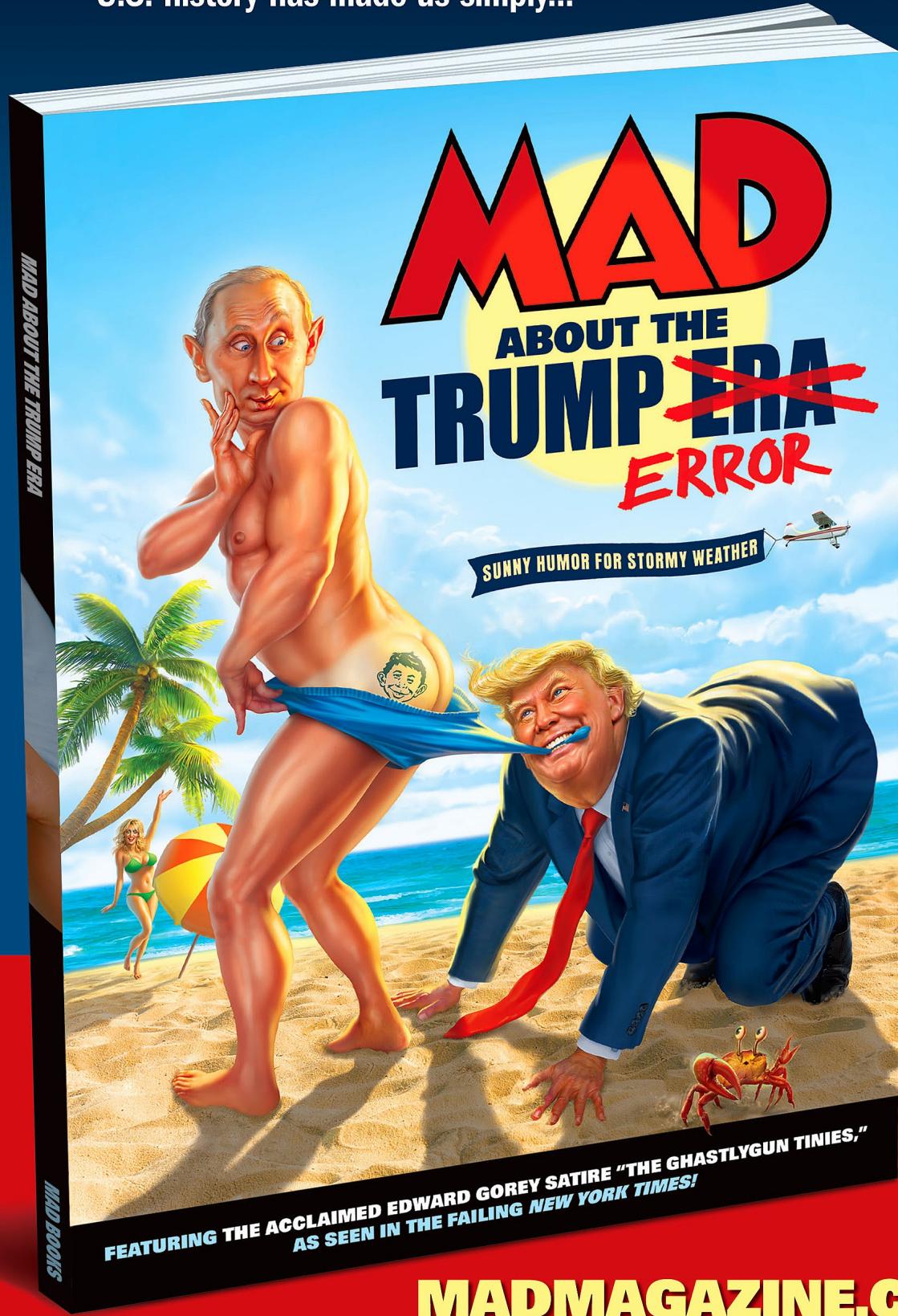


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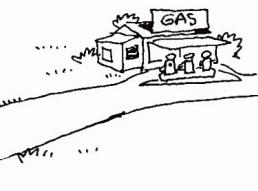
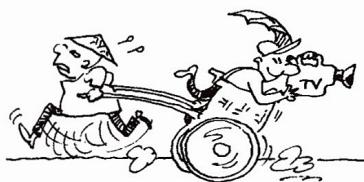
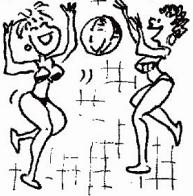
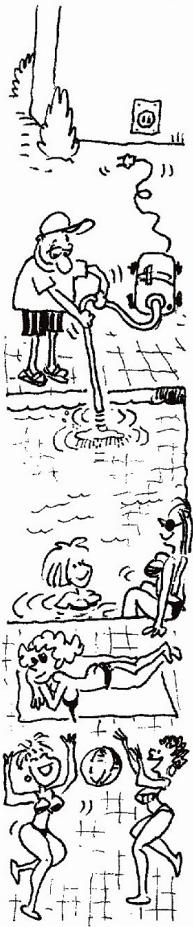
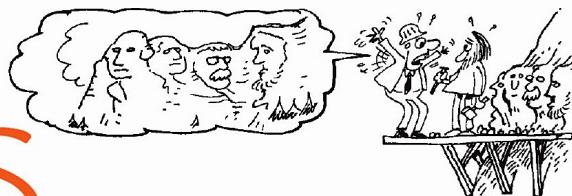
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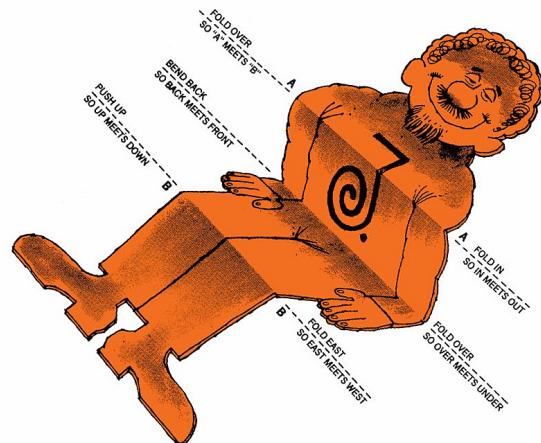
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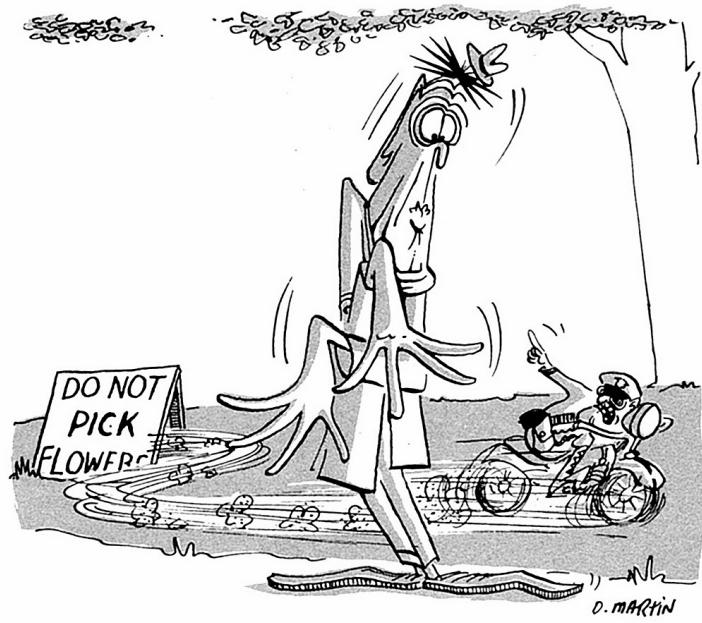
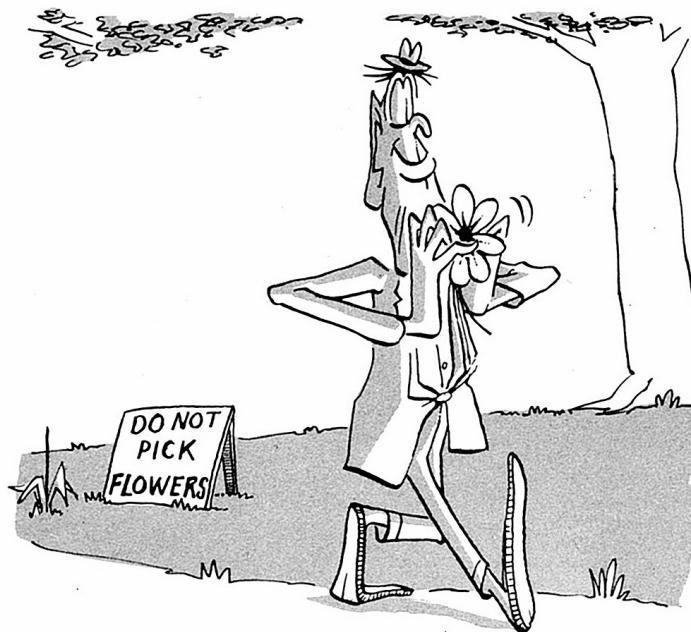
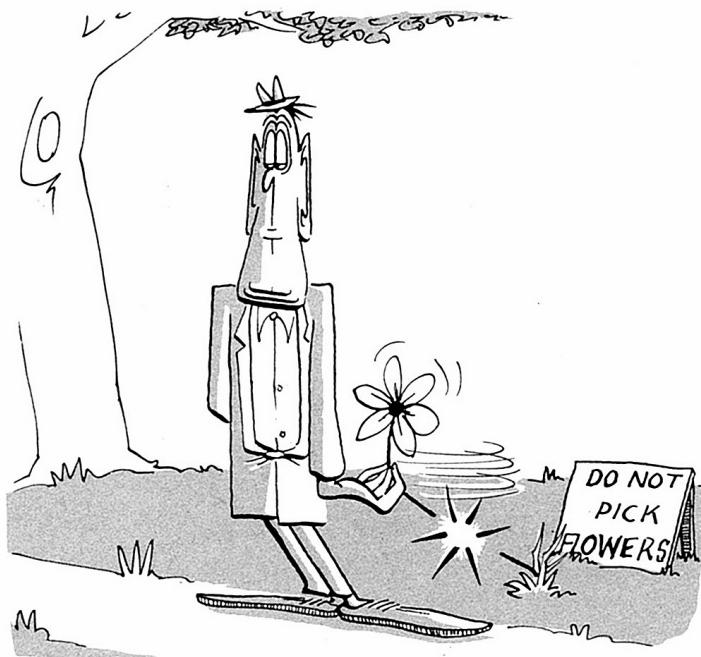
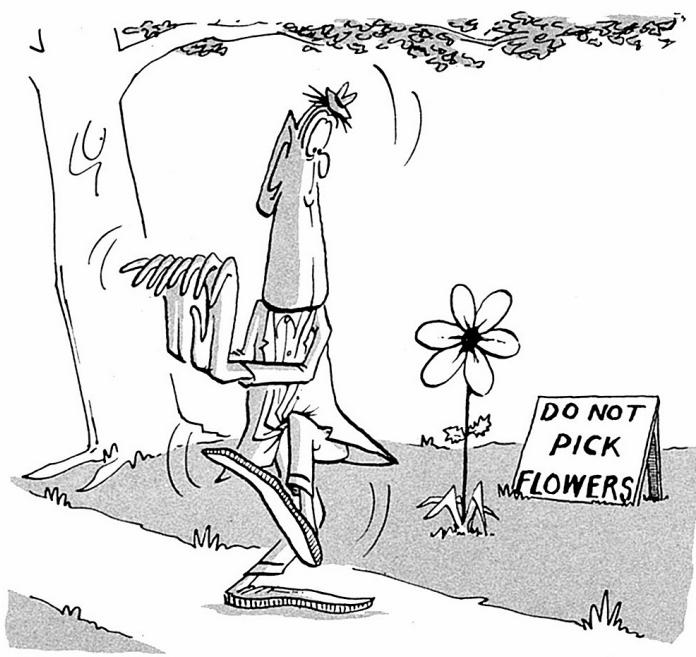


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For his parting shot this issue,  
Don Martin downs three fingers  
of Jack Daniels, and leaves us  
with his sensitive observations

# ON PICKING FLOWERS



D. MARTIN

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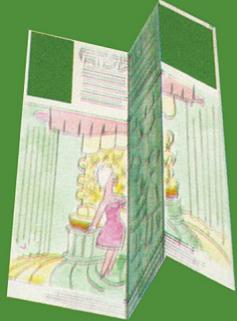
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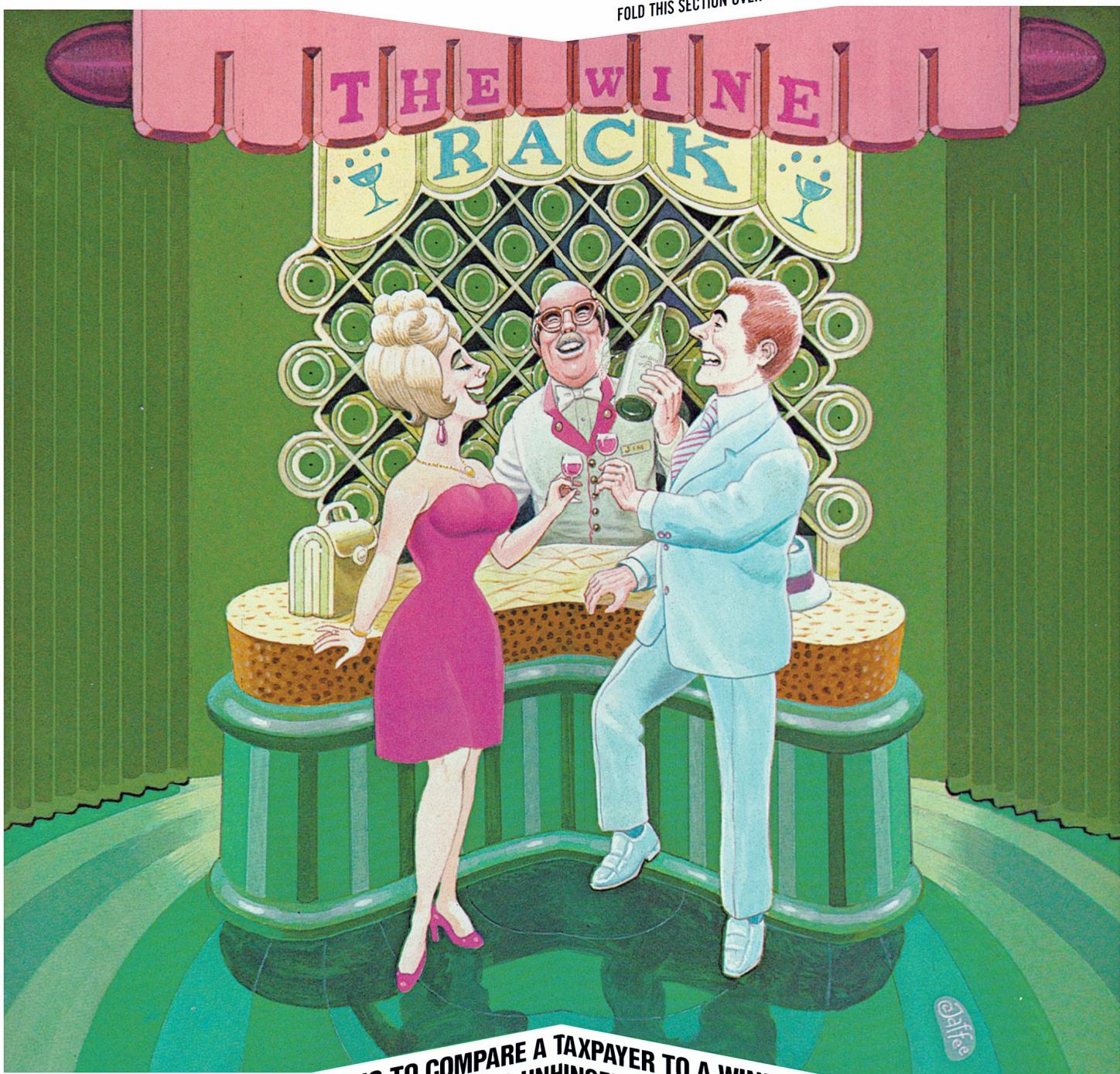
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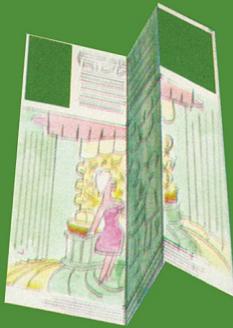
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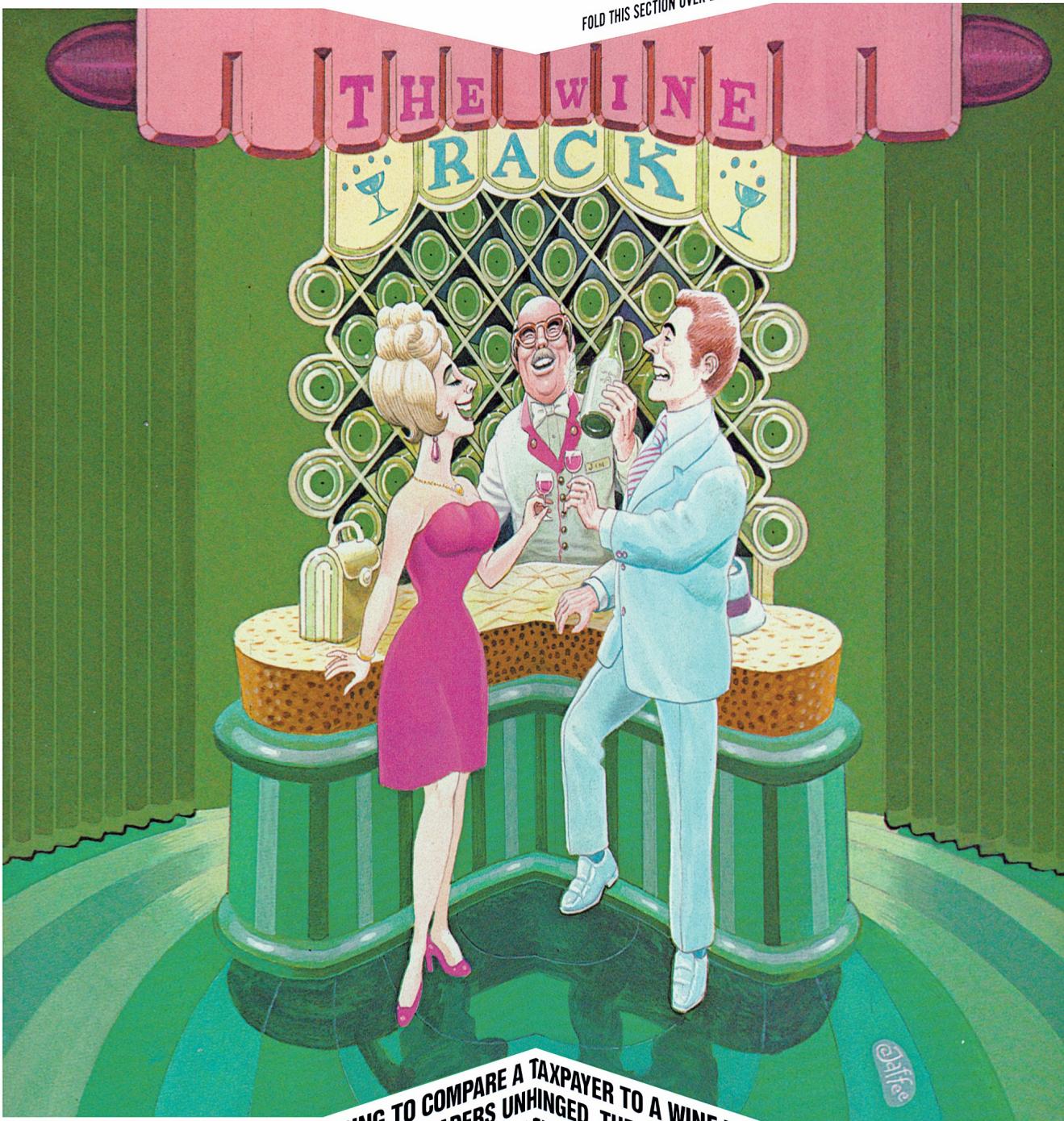
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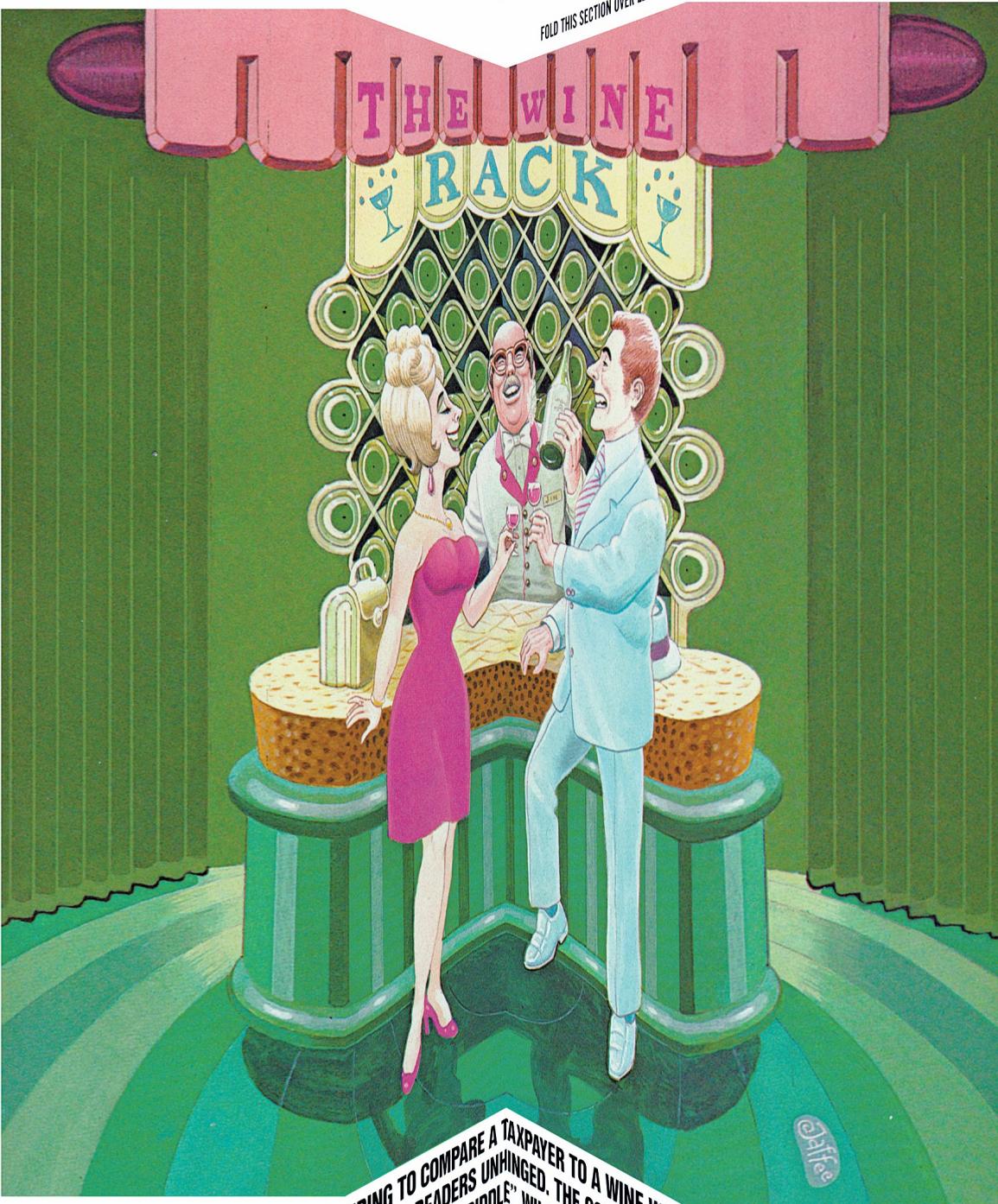
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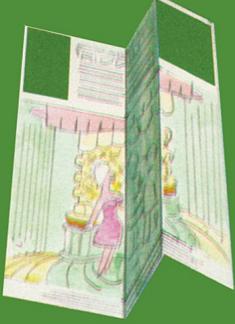
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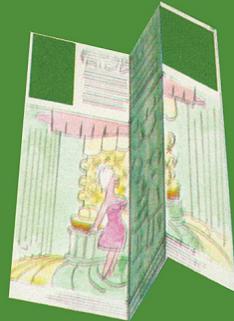
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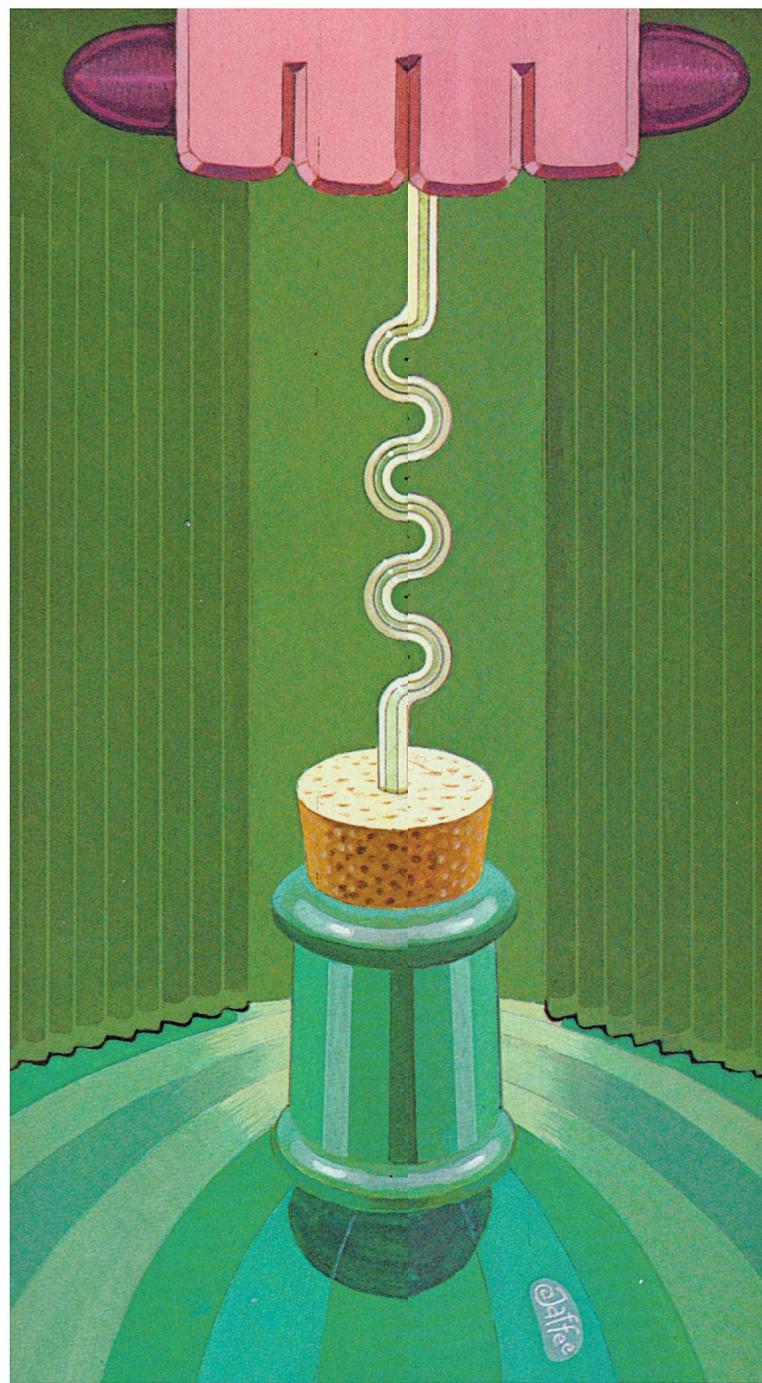
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